



Policy on International Epidemic of an Infectious Disease

- The College has adopted a policy for dealing with international epidemic outbreaks of infectious disease which will apply when UK government bodies or other recognised medical advice suggests that the College should take containing action to avoid the spread of the epidemic. It will not apply to isolated cases of illness.
- The College will only close upon the advice of the UK government and English UK.
- If an epidemic has been declared by the authorities, students should not travel to Broadstairs if they suspect that they are carriers of the infectious disease in question.
- If a student has an unrelated serious medical condition, he or she should consider postponing their visit to the UK. In these cases the College will always consider any requests sympathetically.
- If a student is suspected of having caught the declared infectious disease the College will help students contact any government helpline and/or a doctor in the UK who will advise the student and prescribe medicine if required.
- The College has designated a room for quarantining students who are unwell and suspected of having an infectious disease. This is the lower Common Room.
- Any member of staff or student who is suffering from the declared infectious disease will be isolated from other students. Staff will be sent home and we will encourage students to stay at their accommodation until they feel better and/or until a doctor confirms they are fit to return to the College. Students should inform the school when they feel fit to return to normal classes. Student absences for the period they are away from the College during this period will be marked as authorised.
- The College will keep in close contact with students if they are ill. If appropriate the College will provide language work for the student to do at home.
- If staff numbers are significantly reduced through illness the College may have to take exceptional short-term measures, such as combining classes. The College will do all it can to ensure that the students receive the excellent provision that they would normally expect.
- There may be cases where students suffering from an illness are unable to travel as planned at the end of their course. The College will help them to extend or find alternative accommodation and to re-arrange any travel plans if necessary.

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