Rossall

PLAN OF MEASURES FOR **ROSSALL ADMISSIONS** IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

We are delighted that you have chosen to study at Rossall School and we look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful community. Our reputation for an outstanding quality of pastoral care is centred upon the fact that the welfare of our children is our number one priority. Our response to these unprecedented circumstances has been both pragmatic and compassionate and it is for this reason that we have retained the full confidence of our parents, guardians and agents. We are proactive and committed to communicating with parents on a very regular basis.This culture of openness and collaboration with home is central to our ethos and values. Please do contact us directly if you would like to discuss the contents of this brochure.

MR JEREMY QUARTERMAIN
HEADMASTER

Admissions Plan of Measures

SEPTEMBER 2020

The following plan has been designed to help you understand the steps that Rossall is taking in order to minimise disruption for the arrival of new and returning students and to ensure that we can continue to provide the outstanding education which every child deserves. We will update our strategy in response to the latest developments both nationally and internationally.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Assuming the school has reopened and is fully operational then the arrival of students will take place as normal:

- New boarders arrive on **1st September 2020**
- Returning boarders arrive on **2nd September 2020**
- Term will then start on **3rd September 2020**

CONTINGENCY – STAGE 1A

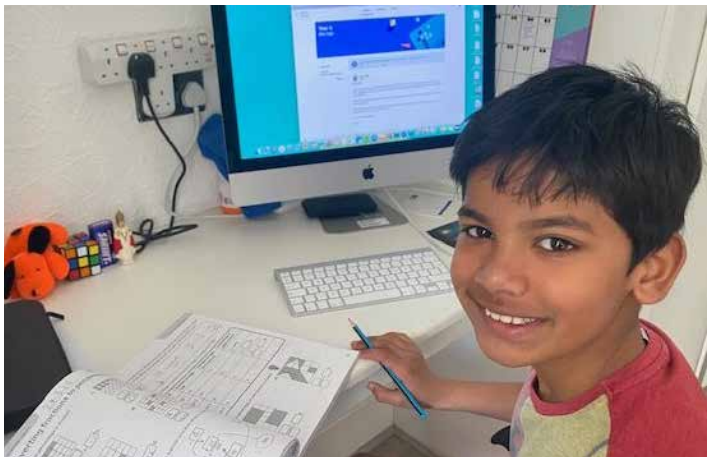
If there are no social distancing restrictions in the UK and the school reopens before September, but isolation restrictions are in place for certain international arrivals, then Rossall will provide a 2-week isolation programme for these students. This two week programme will provide opportunities for the development of soft skills such as leadership, creativity and teamwork. This programme will be delivered by Rossall teachers in a safe, secure and self-contained environment.

- This programme would commence on **15th August 2020**

CONTINGENCY – STAGE 1B

Should there still be a partial lockdown in the UK in mid-August, then the School will work with individual families to reschedule arrival days. This could mean that:

- New boarders arrive on **5th October 2020**
- Returning boarders arrive on **6th October 2020**
- Online lessons will take place for all students (new and returning) from **3rd September 2020**



CONTINGENCY – STAGE 2

In the very unlikely event that there is a more significant lockdown (than Stage 1) still in place in the UK during August 2020, then we would reschedule arrivals day to January. This will mean that:

- New boarders arrive on **6th January 2021**
- Returning boarders arrive on **7th January 2021**
- Online lessons will take place for all other students (new and returning) from **3rd September 2020**

NB: Any periods of online learning will be subject to a 25% reduction in fees

Admission Guidelines

AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TUITION FEE DEPOSITS

If a student cannot begin school in either September or October due to external factors related to Covid-19, we will refund the tuition fee deposit of £2,500.

External factors include travel restrictions from the home country, pandemic status in the home country, social responsibility issues or UK schools remaining closed. This list is not exhaustive, and the Headmaster will exercise all reasonable judgement to cover any factors that fall outside of this scope.

IMPORTANT DATES

Due to the great uncertainty at this moment in time, we aim to provide you with reassurance that we will be as flexible as possible with regards to making future decisions, please note the following dates:

18TH MAY 2020

Formal announcement on whether the school reopens before the summer holidays

1ST JUNE 2020

Our visa advisors will begin the process of applying for visas (where relevant) for new students starting in September

30TH JUNE 2020

The date at which we will ask parents to commit to starting school in September. This date will be kept under review and may be adjusted depending on how the Covid-19 situation unfolds. Parents will still be entitled to a refund of the tuition fee deposit if Covid-19 circumstances make starting in September or October impossible.

If you do not wish to participate in the contingency measures and wish to defer directly until January, you should let us know by this date.

30TH JUNE 2020

Formal announcement as to the school reopening on **1st September**

31ST JULY 2020

Formal announcement as to the school reopening on **5th October**

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

We are committed to providing access to outstanding teaching and learning. It is quite possible several of our new international students may not have access to education in their home countries due to local school closures. Therefore, we would like to invite all those students that have committed to starting in **September 2020** to commence online learning with us from **1st June 2020**. There will be no charge to attend these lessons for four weeks.

This invitation is also extended to all students who intended to join us in **April 2020** but could not due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Please contact admissions@rossall.org.uk to register.

DEFERRING ENTRY

It is our preference that new students will follow the above contingencies. As educators, we are clearly concerned to minimise periods without education and maximise learning delivered from Rossall's outstanding teachers. However, the school will adopt a flexible approach to deferrals. Any new starter for September 2020 who wishes to defer entry until **January 2021** should contact us on admissions@rossall.org.uk and our admissions team will guide you through the process.

Deferrals to **September 2021** are not encouraged at this stage, and we would ask parents to wait until after **June 30th** before exploring that possibility.

Emergency Response

TO COVID-19

Ensuring student welfare and community safety is our highest priority and we would like to reassure you that your child is in safe hands when returning for their studies in the UK. Due to the secluded nature of the Rossall campus the probability of infection remains relatively low. Should community transmission still be a risk in September 2020 and a situation arise where a child or staff member shows symptoms, then this is the process we will follow:

STUDENT

1. Isolation in medical centre and consultation with school doctor
2. If mild symptoms, 2-week isolation in summer school boarding houses if required with 24/7 care from a staff member
3. If serious symptoms, the student will be taken to the local hospital

STAFF

1. Staff will be asked not to report to work and self-isolate for a period of 14 days before returning

Rossall Response
TO COVID-19

Rossall has gained a well-deserved reputation as being one of the most proactive boarding schools in the UK in terms of its response to the threat of Covid-19 and our commitment to ensuring the safety of our community has been our priority from the outset. We have been ahead of the curve and exceeded UK government guidelines at each stage.

1 Increased hand sanitizer availability and stations around school

2 Students are permitted to wear masks

3 Increased the frequency of deep cleaning across school and ongoing hygiene training

4 Temperature checks and medical declaration for all non-resident staff, students and visitors

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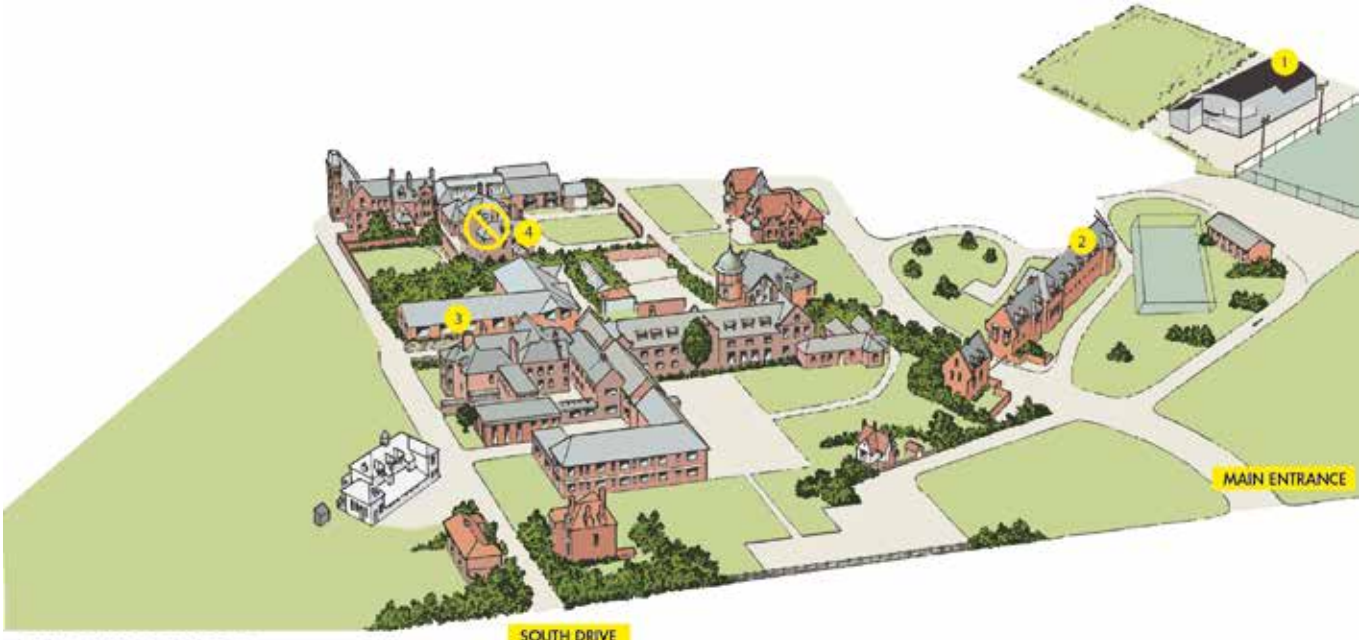
Created temporary separate day and boarding zones.
Please note when school returns we will not be operating a split site

THE BOARDING SCHOOL

1. Medical Centre
2. Sports Centre, accessible at weekends
   Other gym facilities available during the week in the Boarding School



THE DAY SCHOOL

1. Sports Centre, Day School Reception. Report here before entering the Day School
2. Lugard Walkway
3. Nursery Entrance, accessible via South Drive only
4. The Hall Reception, no entry permitted

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Regular and frequent communication with parents

- COVID 19 - 30TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 25TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 24TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 23RD MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 20TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 19TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 18TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - DAY PARENTS
- COVID 19 - BOARDING PARENTS
- COVID-19 - 17TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 UPDATE - 16TH MARCH 2020 -BOARDING PARENTS
- COVID-19 UPDATE - 16TH MARCH 2020 -DAY PARENTS
- COVID-19 - 12TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - TERM DATES 2020 - 11TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 9TH MARCH 2020
- COVID-19 - 5TH MARCH 2020

Rossall Response

TO COVID-19

"When we read Rossall's detailed and timely COVID-19 Bulletin that explains the epidemic situation and government policies and school arrangements to us, it confirmed to us Rossall's unparalleled expertise in handling oversea's students' daily life in this unprecedented time. This school is a community full of responsibility, solidarity, friendship, and resilience. The actions live up to Rossall's long history and tradition. We were also surprised by how calm and courage our daughter was throughout the tough weeks, continuing to study and take part in various school activities as usual, we believe this is one of the most valuable qualities that Rossall taught her."

"Thank you and your team to react correctly and immediately"

"I have been following your emails talking about the special measures Rossall School has undertaken to combat and sustain amidst this covid-19 outbreak and cannot help but bring myself to applaud your taking the time and effort to reassure us."

"Truly grateful for all the arrangements the school have made. It is really helpful and thoughtful."

"It is a very special moment on the Earth when all people from all countries are standing together against the Covid-19. We are so glad reading your Bulletin, knowing that our children are safe and happy. We fully trust in Rossall Boarding Care System, and we would like to express our gratefulness of all Rossall Management Board, Teachers and Service Staff."

"We are very satisfied with your careful arrangement."

"I am very grateful to Rossall School for everything you have done for the children. I believe that the children staying in school will survive the crisis safely under the careful protection of Rossall School"

"Rossall does a great job of protecting students. It makes parents feel safer."

"Thank you very much for the update. I am impressed by the measures and the approach the school is taking. We are happy we have done our research diligently and chosen Rossall"

"I am glad Rossall has very good understanding of the issue and putting everything you can in place."

Online Learning
AND ROSSALL DIPLOMA

ONLINE LEARNING

- Regular timetabled lessons with live teacher and pupil interactions through Zoom and Google Meet
- Access to a wealth of resources and personalised feedback through Google Classroom
- Regular one to one contact with tutors who support each pupil's learning experience across all of their subjects
- Online interactive enrichment clubs and university application support
- Opportunity to get involved in creative Rossall community projects

ROSSALL DIPLOMA

The Rossall Diploma, unique to Rossall School, recognises achievements of all Rossall students in examination year groups (Year 11 and Year 13). It provides a robust and rich reference of pupil achievements inside and outside the classroom in a formal document that comprises:

- Record of grades awarded by the exam boards
- Record of grades awarded as a result of internal assessments taken by pupils
- A personalised reference summarising each student's unique journey through Rossall highlighting
  - individual achievements
  - sporting or creative contributions
  - development of soft skills such as leadership and teamwork

Additionally each student will receive one of the following grades:

- Pass
- Merit
- Distinction
- Starred Distinction

The grading will reflect the School's overall assessment of each pupil's academic performance and contributions inside and outside the classroom.

The diploma will come in a wallet that pupils can use for storage of all their academic certificates.

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