



Rossall

*Promoting Safety
and Wellbeing
at Rossall School*

PROVIDING A REASSURING
RESPONSE TO COVID-19

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

Introduction

BY JEREMY QUARTERMAIN, HEADMASTER

Whilst the majority of independent and state schools have closed their doors, we have had the opportunity to continuously trial, develop and refine the measures that we have put in place to respond effectively to COVID-19. At all times, we have exceeded the recommendations of Public Health England and the World Health Organisation. Throughout this period, Rossall School has remained open to a small community of boarders. Travel restrictions have meant that some pupils elected to stay with us in the sure knowledge that their safety, wellbeing and happiness was our priority. Similarly, we have continued to educate the children of key workers on site and our beautiful campus is home to the families of many of our teachers.

This dedicated approach has helped to ensure that there have been no cases of COVID-19 at Rossall School. At all times, we have sought to minimise risk and maximise the safety of all within our community. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that others within the boarding sector are now looking to Rossall to provide advice, guidance and leadership.

As parents ourselves, we were very quick to understand the need to maintain the highest level of confidence in our pastoral provision. We have achieved this by communicating with our families with clarity, openness and regularity. Since reports of the COVID-19 crisis began to emerge in early January, we have carefully planned each stage of our response and adopted a strategically proactive stance. It has become a source of pride to us that we have gained a reputation for preempting government policy (such as school closures) whilst exerting pressure on national representative organisations to introduce sector-wide standards of care (in terms of COVID-19 response) for children within UK boarding schools.

The centrepiece of this brochure is a UK Boarding Schools' Charter. We, along with other schools, commit, through this charter, to upholding the very highest levels of pastoral care. The charter contains what we consider to constitute the minimum standards that all boarding schools should adhere to in order to ensure the highest level of care for each and every child. However, we have added a number of **additional measures** that will serve to provide further reassurance.

Our most important priority has always been, and will always continue to be, the wellbeing and safety of our children. The outstanding quality of our pastoral care is highlighted throughout the report which resulted from our recent school inspection (ISI 2019).

This brochure has been designed to provide you with the reassurance and peace of mind that all boarding parents deserve. It focuses upon key areas of school life such as:

- Boarding
- Wellbeing
- Catering/mealtimes
- Medical care

Furthermore, it explains our approach to

- Testing
- Social-distancing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Policies and procedures for those visiting the School

My colleagues have worked extremely hard to ensure that when our campus is fully reopened, the protocols and procedures that we have put in place will continue to ensure that all members of Rossall School community remain safe. Our measures are sensible, measured, practical and informed by international examples of best practice within residential educational settings.



We are always humbled by the faith and trust that our parents place in us when they decide to send their child to this wonderfully warm community so that we may educate them and help them to realise their potential. In many cases, our children are thousands of miles away from their home and so the bond that we have developed with our families is dependent upon trust and communication. During these challenging times we recognise that our responsibilities to you in this regard are especially important. My own daughters, Alicia (9) Caitlin (6) and Teigan (3) are members of our School community and it should come as no surprise that all of our children benefit from precisely the same quality of care and compassion that I would wish to be extended to my own daughters.

We thank you for entrusting your sons and daughters to us and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for additional guidance and support. We are here to serve you at all times.

Jeremy Quartermain

Excellent Pastoral Care and Boarding Provision

Rossall School prides itself on providing the very highest quality of pastoral care. In July 2019, the Independent Schools Inspectorate rated Rossall's boarding provision as excellent in every respect.

Our boarding accommodation is clean, bright and spacious. The majority of our rooms have always been single occupancy. However, from September 2020, **all bedrooms will be single occupancy.**



FURTHER MEASURES:

- Specific shower and washing facilities will be allocated to very small groups of pupils in order to minimise the risk of any transmission
- All boarding rooms will benefit from a deep clean before the beginning of term and at regular points during the term
- We intend for our international boarders to return to School by the evening of Sunday 23rd August which will enable them to complete a full induction programme of activities whilst becoming increasingly familiar with all aspects of campus life. There will be no additional charge for this service but it will ensure that all pupils have completed a period of quarantine (subject to UK Government guidelines at the time) before the official commencement of the school term

- Each boarding house will have a dedicated team of cleaners and a matron who ensures that all facilities are cleaned on a very regular basis throughout each day. These staff will all wear PPE (gloves, masks, overalls)
- Students will have the option to remain in school for the October half-term and Christmas holidays should they prefer to avoid travelling. This option will include all meals, activities and study sessions and will be charged at a pro-rata boarding rate
- Students will not be permitted to leave the School campus for ‘town leave’ initially at least
- We will continue to ensure that our School Shop maintains additional stocks of items such as toiletries and PPE
- All pupils are able to receive deliveries of items ordered online.

“Boarding is a considerable strength of the school and contributes to the experience of all pupils creating a genuine, welcoming and family ethos.”

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A single occupancy boarding room



ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

We have extensive plans in place for the arrival of international boarders for the beginning of the Autumn Term in August 2020. Our protocols will take into account any adjustments to current government policy whilst reflecting our resolute commitment to ensuring the safety of all within our community.

- Should it be necessary (e.g. by UK government directive) for students to remain in school buildings for a period up to 14 days after arriving in the UK (otherwise known as ‘quarantine’), then this will be carried out within the comfort of our own student residences
- Students will be cared for by house staff and will remain within a small ‘arrival group’. Contact will be limited to that group until the result of COVID-19 tests have been received
- Presuming a negative result, pupils will then be free to enter our full boarding induction programme
- Airport transfers provided by Rossall will be social distancing compliant, with a team of drivers to be coordinated by our Transport Manager.

Health and Wellbeing

HEALTH

We will continue to uphold the highest of standards in hygiene, health and safety in order to reduce and remove the risk of infection and we are committed to caring for all of our children in a compassionate and family-focused environment.

Rossall School is fortunate to possess an impressive **Health and Wellbeing Centre** housed in our Medical Centre that contains extensive facilities including consultation rooms, bedrooms and a counselling suite. Our team of four professional nurses provide 24/7 care. All children at Rossall are registered with Fleetwood Broadway Medical Centre and our school doctor (GP) holds a surgery within the medical centre every morning of the week during term time.

The school will focus particular attention on any pupil or member of our community who is considered medically vulnerable by virtue of an ongoing medical condition. Our medical team will work with the individual concerned (and parents where appropriate) to create an individual risk assessment and bespoke care plan.

The school holds extensive stocks of Personal and Protective Equipment (PPE) and all those engaged with healthcare tasks are required to wear appropriate levels of PPE at all times.



An isolation suite in Porritt Hall

Unusually for a boarding school, our Medical Centre has a small boarding house attached to it. Ordinarily this remains empty but during the forthcoming academic year it will be used to isolate any child demonstrating potential symptoms of COVID-19. The bedrooms and isolation suites in this boarding house (Porritt Hall) contain every comfort that you would expect to find in a boarding room or hotel; including WIFI access, a flat screen television, fridge and ensuite facilities. If a pupil does need to isolate then they will be looked after at all times by a resident member of staff.

WELLBEING

Rossall has appointed Rachel Magowan to become our first Director of Wellbeing and she will be located in the brand new Health and Wellbeing Centre. Rachel has a background in mental health nursing and has been both a health visitor and hospital inspector for the Quality Care Commission. Emotional and psychological health are as important as physical health and all pupils are encouraged to speak with staff about their feelings and concerns. Much of the work of our Health and Wellbeing Centre is educationally focused; promoting healthy living and an excellent sense of wellbeing.

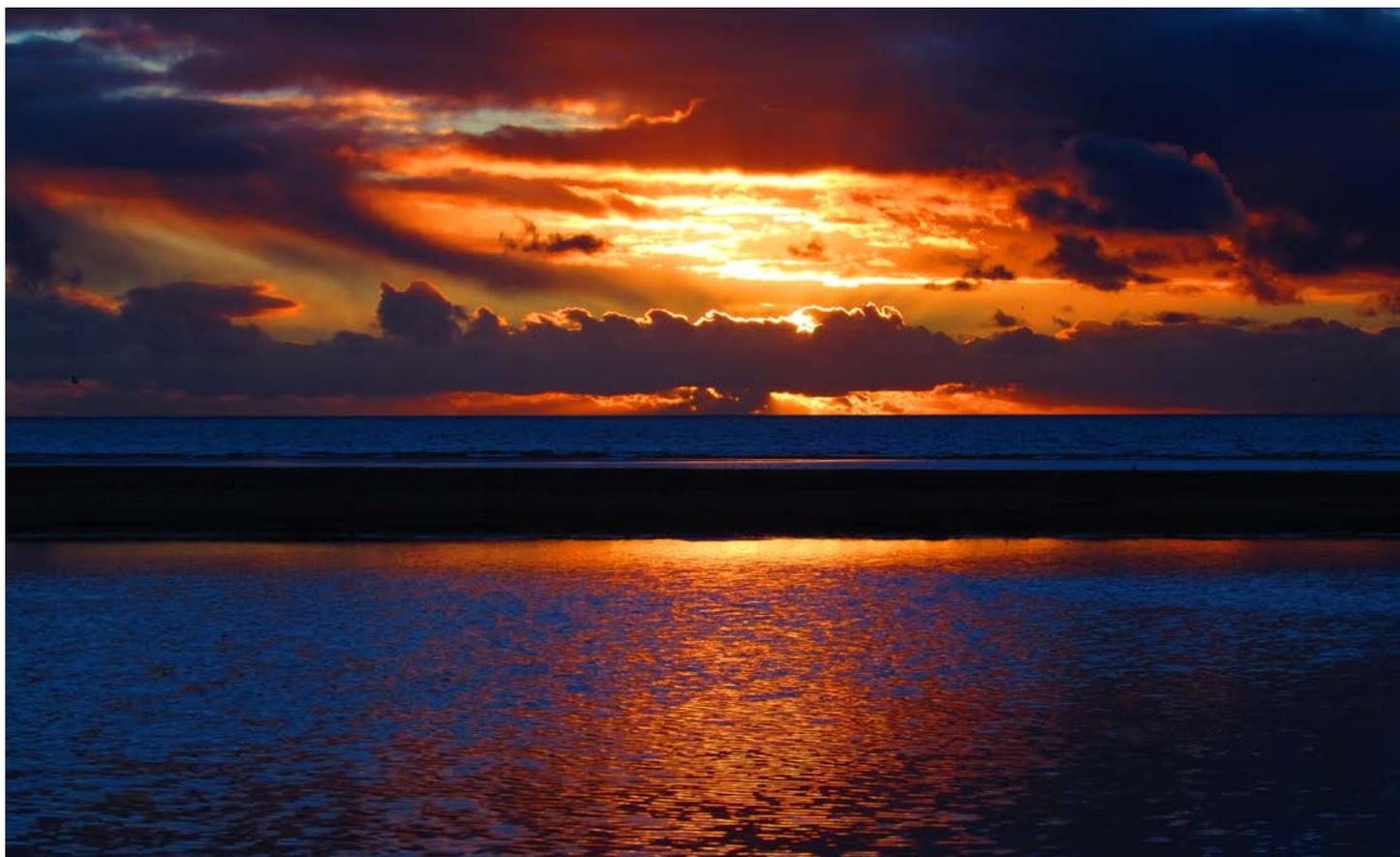
Our Personal, Social and Health Education programme is run in partnership with our Health and Wellbeing Centre. Additionally, all pupils have their own personal tutor and each boarding house has an extensive residential team who ensure a warm and caring home-from-home family environment.



Rachel Magowan

“Pupils describe the calming effect of watching the sunset from the sea wall at the end of a busy day.”

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Rossall Beach

Testing

Rossall is now working in close partnership with **Oncologica**, a registered Medical Laboratory, accredited to ISO15189:2012 standards. (UKAS Accreditation number: 9376). You can view their Covid-19 information here: www.covid19.oncologica.com. Oncologica is a professional biomedical science company based in Cambridge. Oncologica will supply us with our own testing kits and will process the results of any tests undertaken.

TESTING

- International pupils should take a test where possible within their country of origin no more than 48 hours before boarding their flights
- International pupils will be tested again on arrival to Rossall, with the results delivered to us 24-48 hours later
- All students will remain under the very strictest social distancing conditions until the result of the initial test is received
- After a negative result, the student will be able to move freely around the school, whilst maintaining and respecting social distancing protocols
- International pupils will then be re-tested 14 days after arrival to ensure no trace of the virus.
- UK boarders will also be tested prior to starting school
- We will maintain an inventory of tests in school and will test any student who may be showing potential symptoms of COVID-19
- This process will be repeated as necessary throughout the course of the school academic year. There will be a charge for the initial tests (on Day 1 and Day 14) of each term, but the School will pay for subsequent tests in the eventuality of a suspected case of COVID-19
- This will allow us to isolate potential cases of COVID-19 extremely quickly and thus protect all members of our community.



VACCINATION

- The UK is an acknowledged world leader in the search for a vaccine and as soon as a vaccine becomes available, Rossall will endeavour to ensure that vaccinations can occur in school at the earliest possible opportunity and in a safe and controlled environment (subject to your consent).

ISOLATION

- Students who display symptoms of COVID-19 will immediately be placed in isolation within the Rossall Health and Wellbeing centre
- The student will then be tested for COVID-19 and will remain in isolation until the test result is returned
- A member of staff will provide 24/7 care for any student in isolation. This will include arranging of school work, delivering meals and providing emotional support
- Upon confirmation of a negative result, the student will be permitted to rejoin their regular lessons and return to his or her boarding house
- In the highly unlikely event of a positive result, the student will remain in isolation and under the care of the Rossall staff member. Both the student and staff member will then be supported with further medical care
- Any isolated student will have access to NHS hospitals should the need arise. Even during the height of the pandemic, the NHS retained significant capacity and hospitals that were constructed to facilitate a possible surge in hospital admissions were not used.



Blackpool Victoria Hospital

“Pupils feel safe in the school.”

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Social Distancing within a Health Conscious Culture

Rossall School will ensure that social distancing becomes embedded within the normal cultural life of school for as long as it is considered a necessary precautionary measure by national authorities such as Public Health England and international organisations such as the World Health Organisation.

Our approach to Social Distancing includes many specific measures designed to ensure everyone keeps safe and this includes:

- Staggered breaks
- Staggered meal times
- The suspension of school trips and inter-school sporting fixtures
- Online assemblies and virtual whole-school events
- Strict control of the number of individuals allowed to attend any individual event or gather together for any purpose
- Clear guidance regarding socialising in school and the wider community (especially for day pupils)
- A requirement that all non-residential staff adhere to all Public Health England guidelines and avoid the use of public transport. This will be written into our Code of Conduct for Teachers.



These measures will be reviewed every two weeks by both our COVID-19 Response team and our Health and Safety Committee. The measures will only be relaxed when there is empirical scientific evidence available to suggest that it is safe to do so. We will continue to act with extreme caution as we have throughout this time.

- We do hope to bring back some whole school events later in the Michaelmas Term but will only do so if it is scientifically proven to be safe
- Until further notice, Parent Meetings, Information Meetings and Introductory meetings will all happen remotely via either Google Meet or Zoom. However, parent meetings for examination year groups will be calendered for the end of the term in the hope that they may be able to proceed as normal
- Rossall will ensure that activities that are of a non-contact or low risk nature will continue to run but with strict social distancing measures in place
- The number of children participating in any specific activity will be carefully controlled. For instance, music groups will be restricted to smaller instrumental ensembles throughout the early part of Michaelmas 2020
- Our grounds will be divided into zones, so that different groups of children are able to use different areas for sports and outdoor play. With such an extensive campus, it is perfectly possible for us to minimise risk by ensuring that children are never crowded and clustered into specific areas
- Boarders will get changed for all their activities in their boarding houses whilst day pupils will be able to come into school in their sports-kit on days when they have sports lessons.

“Pupils appreciate the peaceful and tranquil surroundings and open spaces in which they are educated.”

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Above: Social distancing markers in the Dining Hall servery

Below and right: Social distancing markers and signage in Mondos Café



Protection Charter

In May 2020, we were proud to initiate the #safeschools campaign, with the clear objective of creating an effective and standardised response to COVID-19 from the UK boarding school community. The aim is to create a set of minimum standards that all schools will agree to have in place in advance of September 2020. This will allow UK schools to:

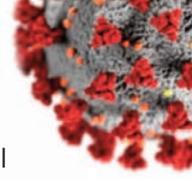
- Facilitate our core purpose of ensuring education continues with minimal disruption
- Standardise a minimum level of precautionary measures across UK boarding schools
- Ensure the safest possible environment for all day and boarding students
- Bring the sector together with a strategically considered response and proactive approach

We were delighted when the BSA brought out a Covid-Safe Charter for UK Boarding Schools, which we have signed up to and you can read on the opposite page.



In addition to the above, #safeschools has proposed a number of additional optional measures for schools to consider, which Rossall will implement:

1. Request visitors or non-residents who have travelled abroad in the previous 14 days to not enter the school grounds until a period of 14 total days off-site has been completed, and to not report to school if symptoms are displayed during that period.
2. To actively encourage teachers and support staff to wear face masks where appropriate.
3. To offer to all new and returning international students arriving to the UK for September quarantine options for the 14 days prior to term starting, or to assist with such arrangements, if that period is required and compliant with UK guidelines.
4. To explore offering single occupancy rooms, or reduce boarders per room, where space and where availability permits.
5. To provide isolation in school, in a safe environment with 24/7 staff care if a pupil becomes symptomatic or if COVID-19 is suspected.
6. To remain open at half-term if the 14 day quarantine is still in effect where feasible to do so.
7. To communicate to parents publicly (and the wider community if necessary) the protocols in place should a member of the school community display symptoms of, or be diagnosed with COVID-19.
8. To commit to providing regular and timely updates from the school's leadership to all parents.
9. Completion of a medical declaration for all non-resident individuals.
10. To ensure provision where possible for students who cannot join school in September or October 2020 (due to travel restrictions or other Coronavirus challenges) to undertake online learning until January 2021, before then arriving in school.



Prior to reopening schools will:

- Conduct a deep-clean of all school indoor environments, including classrooms, bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms
- Decide on any regular testing procedures and advise pupils and parents accordingly. Support Covid-19 testing wherever possible
- Evaluate and adapt any medical procedures to ensure compliance with the recommendations of public health bodies
- Ensure that staff do not work (or have contact with pupils) if they have symptoms, have tested positive or have been in contact (within the last 14 days) with anyone who has
- Provide a suitable isolation area to care for pupils who show symptoms and/or test positive
- Train staff in the safe management of boarding houses under new guidance and school procedures and in Covid-19 nursing for appropriate staff
- Advise parents, guardians and agents of the school's policies on contact sports, trips and external matches, school assemblies and the provision of boarding during exeats and October half-term holiday.

Before departure from home

- Contact each pupil and their family, through their guardian if appropriate, to explain arrangements and answer any questions
- Provide written information on arrival procedures, including restrictions on parents entering the buildings
- For international pupils, confirm the arrangements for collecting the pupil from the point of arrival in the country, transport to school and quarantine procedures
- Provide each international pupil and parent with a letter on school-headed paper confirming those arrangements in line with sponsor requirements
- Provide international pupils and parents with emergency contact details which includes a 24hr out-of-hours service while any pupils are travelling.

For international pupils upon arrival in the country

- Ensure the pupil is met by a named person, which could be a guardian, who is aware of, and follows, appropriate social distancing guidance
- Ensure that the named person wears a face covering at all times when in proximity to the student in enclosed areas, especially in vehicles unless screens are provided
- Ensure that the journey to school is direct, that the vehicle contains sanitiser and suitable wipes, and that any required toilet stops are conducted in accordance with relevant safety guidelines
- Depending on the length of journey, provide the student with suitable food and drink and ensure that packets, bottles and containers are sanitised before use.

For all pupils upon arrival at school

- Ensure all changes to routines and all new safety arrangements, which have been previously notified in writing, are fully explained to pupils, with full induction for any pupils new to the school
- Encourage the pupil to contact home shortly after arrival
- Explain the new fire evacuation procedures and conduct a drill soon after arrival
- Ensure the pupil has an opportunity to discuss their fears, worries and concerns with a trusted adult.

At school

- Require appropriate social distancing in all areas of school
- Guarantee availability of soap and disposable paper towels in all washing areas
- Require regular hand washing by pupils and staff
- Provide hand sanitiser¹ stations at key points in the house and around the campus
- Provide pupils and staff with the opportunity to raise any concerns
- Ensure laundry procedures are clear and safe for staff and pupils
- Ensure appropriate PPE for any staff performing roles which will require it²
- Implement enhanced daily cleaning procedures in the boarding houses and school and ensure all relevant staff have appropriate PPE
- Allow pupils and staff to wear masks or face coverings (other than for activities where this is not advised)³
- Display clear notices explaining new procedures
- Ensure safe occupancy levels of all facilities and areas, including classrooms, dining rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms
- Explain clearly any measures required when pupils are allowed to leave site
- Ensure equipment is not shared between pupils, other than when appropriate cleaning has taken place
- Allocate appropriate recreation areas (inside and outside) for use by designated boarders and ensure they are aware of any new procedures and safe occupancy levels
- Conduct regular temperature checks of all pupils and staff and of any visitors, including parents
- Be very clear that any bullying related to the pandemic will not be tolerated.

¹Schools are advised to follow public health advice on the suitability and chemical properties of such products

²Schools must take care to ensure the equipment is suitable for the tasks concerned and that staff have been trained in safe use

³Use of face coverings should be risk-assessed if pupils are undertaking any strenuous activity

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Personal Protection

Staff and Senior School students will be expected to wear Rossall School face covers, which cover both the nose and the mouth. Five face covers will be given to each child at Rossall on arrival or first day of school and parents will be charged accordingly. Additional covers and masks may be bought from the Rossall shop.

The Rossall face covers are cotton material and available in three sizes: Small, Medium and Large. They are washable and reusable and therefore environmentally friendly. Tissues or an additional disposable mask may be inserted into the lining of the cover to suit the preference of the user. Each face cover is supplied in its own bag and this provides additional peace of mind.

Pupils and staff will continue to use the many sanitising gel stations situated throughout the campus. All children are actively encouraged to use these frequently.

Protective equipment relevant to specific activities is to be worn and used as directed by school staff. Any member of staff undertaking healthcare tasks will have an appropriate level of PPE.

All School buildings will undergo a 'deep clean' prior to the start of term and again after two weeks. All classrooms, laboratories, dining areas and common area surfaces will be cleaned throughout the working day. Students should keep their own areas tidy and clean.

It is advised and encouraged that all members of the community carry bottles of sanitiser for their own personal protection. These are available for purchase from the School Shop.

“Pupils are aware of the safeguarding measures and appreciate the staff who are responsible for keeping them safe.”

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One of Rossall's Deputy School Captain's wearing a Rossall face cover



Rossall Classrooms and Facilities

Rossall School routinely checks and tests all facilities across the site. This is to ensure our continued compliance with ISI Health and Safety regulations. Every aspect of the School's operation is subject to a rigorous process of risk assessment. For instance the School fire drill protocol has been revised to take account of the need to socially distance.

- Classrooms will be allocated in accordance with the size of teaching groups rather than on a departmental basis. This is to ensure that all teaching spaces allow for social distancing
- Any excess furniture will be removed from classrooms in order to maximise space
- Desks and tables will be placed as far apart as possible and only one pupil will be permitted to sit at a table
- Boarders and day pupils will be kept apart as much as possible although will be taught in the same classrooms
- As a general rule, teachers will move classrooms between lessons whilst the movement of children will be limited and controlled
- We understand that there may be travel restrictions in place from high risk countries at the beginning of September so we will install webcams in all classrooms so that children are still able to access lessons alongside their peers.



A classroom set up for social distancing



“Pupils recognise the importance of hard work and appreciate they can determine their own success and personal endeavour.”

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Dining Room and Food Services

Rossall's kitchens and Rossall's catering services (which includes Mondos Café) have consistently been praised for their excellent levels of hygiene and cleanliness. Year after year they have received the highest possible rating from the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

Initially, from September 2020, the Dining Hall will only cater for boarders, so staff and day pupils will need to bring packed lunches to school.

Rossall School Dining Hall is the largest school dining hall in the UK and is undergoing a full redecoration this summer.

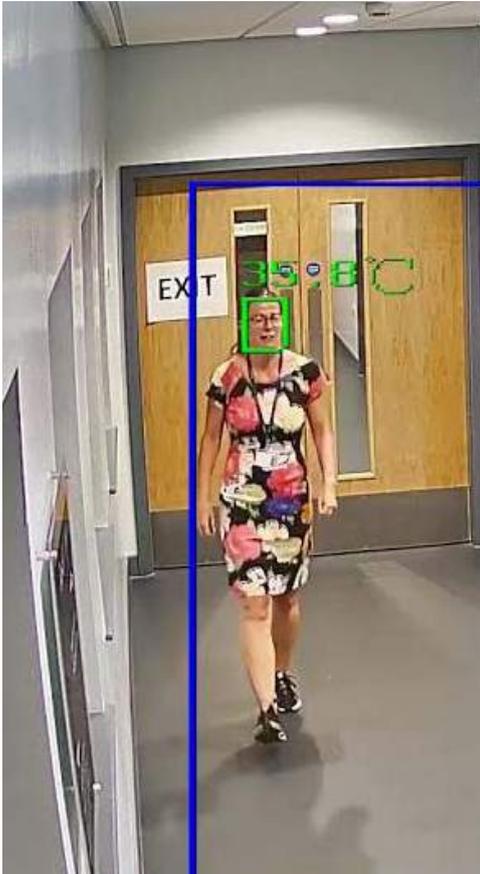
- It contains two separate serveries and a vast dining area
- Mealtimes for boarders will be staggered and boarding houses will sit in designated areas of the dining hall. Pupils will sit two metres apart and will not sit opposite one and other when eating
- Markers on tables will indicate where children should sit
- The kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves at all times
- Mondos Café will be subject to the same restrictions and will be available for day pupils during the day and for boarders in the evening and at weekends
- Snacks will also be available for boarders from the school shop along with the vending machines, which will be used only by boarders.



A member of kitchen staff wearing PPE while serving student meals

“Inspectors found there to be a wide range of nutritious, healthy meals and plenty of choice.”

Staff at Rossall



Thermal imaging camera reading staff temperatures

Rossall School staff, many of whom live on site with their families, have strictly adhered to the UK government guidelines as well as being mindful of the wider community needs at Rossall and this will continue as we welcome our whole community back in September 2020.

Non-residential staff will be treated like visitors to the school each day – you can read about this more fully in the following section. Residential staff will have their temperature checked upon entering the dining hall before breakfast every morning.

Rossall has an extensive checklist, which all staff will be made aware of before returning in September with regard to the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community and especially our pupils.

“Pupils achieve highly because the school expects that they will, and encourages them to do the best they can.”

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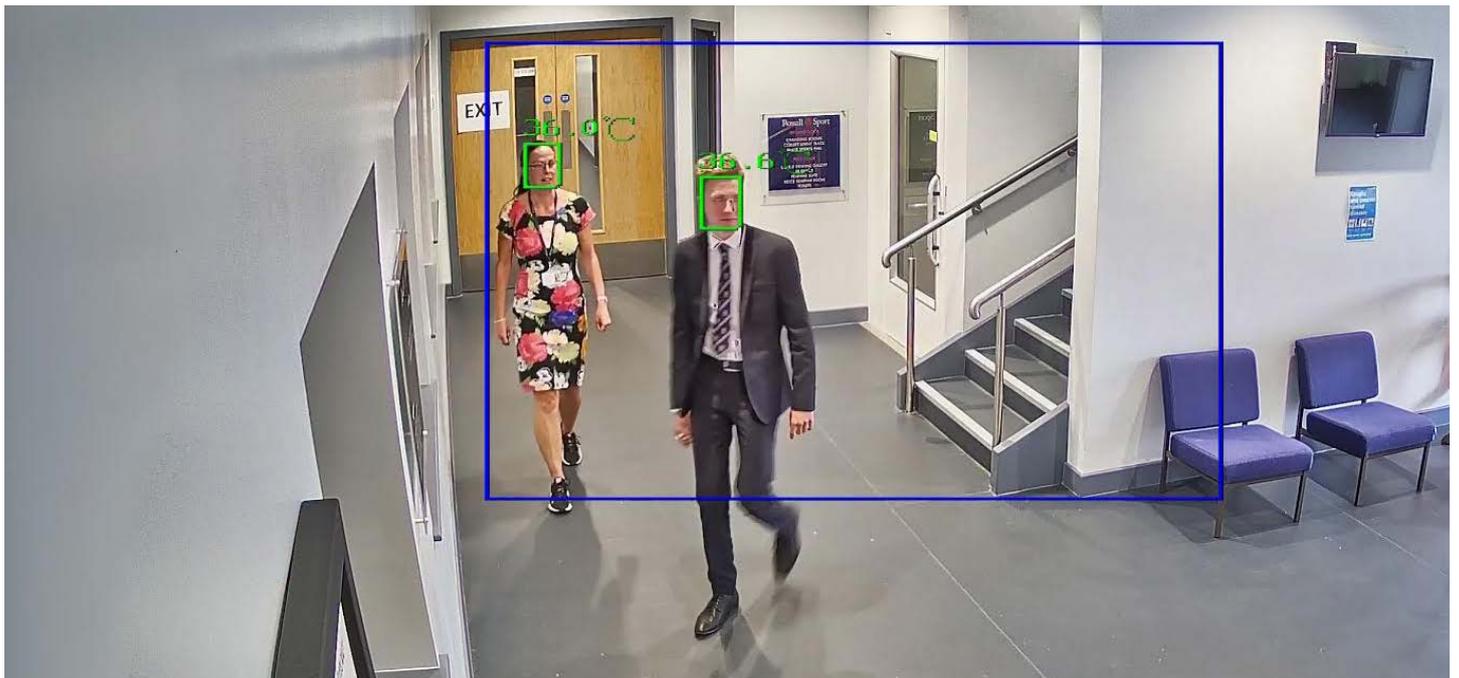


Rossall School online assemblies led by staff at Rossall School

Visitors to Rossall

Rossall is delighted to be able to welcome visitors back to Rossall.

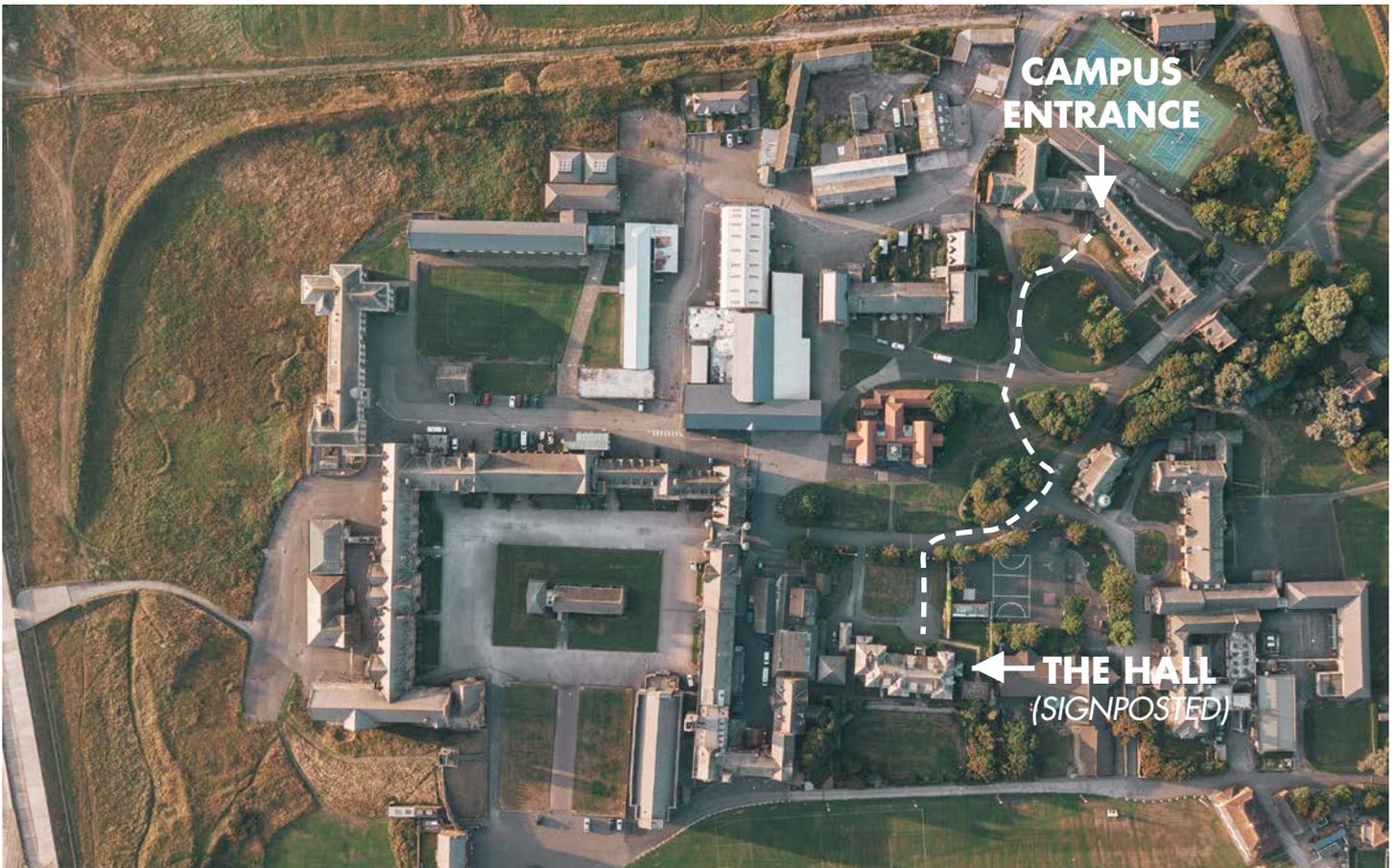
- All visitors to the site will need to have booked their visit to the school in advance
- Visitors should make their way to the main Reception which is located in the Sports Centre. (This is clearly signposted as you turn in from the main road)
- Visitors will be asked to sign a medical declaration form (to be kept constantly up to date in accordance with the very latest advice from Public Health England)
- They will receive a scan from a thermal imaging camera and then they will proceed back outside before entering the school campus through the alleyway between Puffin and Lugard
- Prospective families will need to follow this guidance too. Families will meet with admissions staff in the Hall, which is sign-posted from the above alley between Puffin and Lugard as usual
- Families will be offered Rossall face covers and a small hand sanitiser for the tour with two of our pupils. They will be advised to ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to throughout
- Visitors will be asked to refrain from touching door handles and any part of the school where possible in order to minimise the risk to the school community
- Interviews will be conducted with social distancing measures in place.



Sports Centre reception thermal imaging camera, one of three at Rossall School

Additionally:

- All external deliveries and visitors will need to book a visit in advance
- Deliveries will be made to the Rossall Sports Centre and not be permitted onto the main school site
- We will also encourage our drivers to wear face covers when delivering to us
- External visitors will need to undergo the same temperature check when arriving to school and complete an online medical declaration before entering the school site.



Bullying and Anti-discrimination Policy

Rossall has a long and proud history of welcoming students from all over the world. We have welcomed students from Russia, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam and many other countries for well over a century.

Rossall is widely regarded as one of the happiest and most friendly schools in the UK and our Rossall induction programme for new students and refresher programme for returning students will serve to remind our community of the ethos and values that underpin our wonderful school.

As an IBO (International Baccalaureate Organisation) school, we are internationally minded and celebrate cultural diversity. Currently, our student population is drawn from forty-one different countries.



“Pupils recognise that the friendly nature of the school is due to the inclusive environment engendered by having so many different nationalities represented.”

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Parent Testimonials

ABOUT OUR CARE AND RESPONSIVENESS

“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 overseas 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 courageous 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.”

I am so loving Rossall school, thanks for going the extra mile with information, it’s so calming.

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

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

We wanted to thank you for your great crisis management.

“We are very satisfied with your careful arrangement.”

We definitely feel that your school has handled the current situation in the best way. Thank you.

“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 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.”

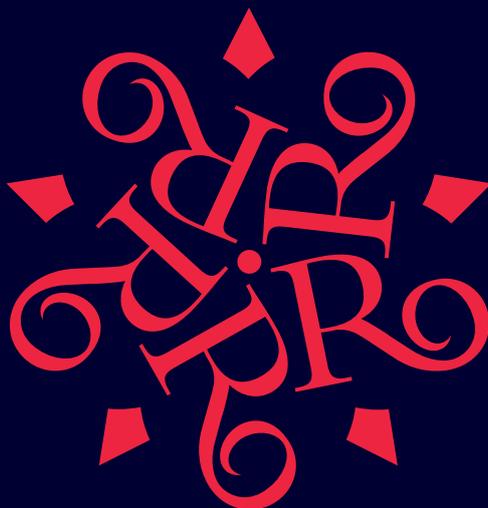
(The Plan of Measures) is amazing – so well thought through and planning ahead like no other school I’ve seen until now! This is really impressive.

Rossall's Proactive Response

SINCE THE END OF JANUARY, 2020

27th January	Rossall communicates to parents about the increasing number of hand sanitisers in the school and outlines those measures put in place to promote best practice with regards to hygiene.
25th February	Rossall issues detailed guidance on travel arrangements.
5th March	The first of many Covid-19 bulletins is published online. This offers all boarders the opportunity to remain in the UK over Easter at no additional cost. Furthermore, a list of precautionary protocols is announced. These address issues such as hygiene, cleaning regimes and other precautionary measures to be taken if a student presents with a suspected case of Covid-19.
9th March	We advise all parents that all of Rossall's boarders have been in the UK for more than 14 days and are in excellent health. We increase our list of protocols for cleaning and hygiene and announce the introduction of temperature and health checks.
11th March	We decided to shorten the Easter holidays because so many pupils had elected to remain at Rossall during the Easter break. Additionally, we lengthened the May half term to ensure that children had the opportunity to see their families once travel restrictions had eased.
12th March	The School enters confinement with separate day and boarding schools created to ensure the safety of both communities. We become the first UK boarding school to split our site which gains considerable media attention.
16th March	Detailed update on how effectively the two 'schools' are operating.
17th March	Rossall communicates that it is launching an Online Learning Programme to roll out in the eventuality that schools are closed.
18th March	Ahead of the UK government's announcement, we take the decision to close our campus and move towards online learning.

23rd March	Online learning begins with clear guidance and protocols sent to all parents, agents and guardians. The UK's lockdown begins.
27th March	We host our first live online Q&A with the Headmaster for parents, agents and guardians. These become regular occurrences throughout lockdown, often attracting over a thousand views. Other schools, agents and guardians start viewing these sessions.
30th March	We introduce more measures to safeguard our remaining boarders as well as starting to manufacture PPE for the NHS.
7th April	Initial Plan of Measures for September 2020 is sent out to all new and returning pupils.
10th April	Rossall School launches its own Diploma Programme for Year 11 and Year 13 students. This initiative is welcomed by students and universities alike.
15th April	This week we focused upon mental health, wellbeing and the support that we have put in place for all our families during lockdown.
20th April	We announce the appointment of the Director of Health and Wellbeing.
27th April	Rossall announces that it has taught 6000 lessons in the Senior school and over 1000 lessons in the Junior School.
8th May	Live Q&A session with the Headmaster talking through what protocols Rossall is putting in place for its reopening in June.
11th May	Rossall's Headmaster calls for a sector wide Coronavirus Protection Charter for all schools to sign up to.
15th May	Rossall announces the purchase of thermal imaging scanners to be installed ahead of a partial reopening on 1st June. An order for thousands of items of PPE equipment is placed with our supplier in Hong Kong.
26th May	Rossall launches #safeschoolsuk following the launch of the BSA's Covid-safe Charter whereby all schools sign up to a minimum level of care and safety to create reassurance that our schools are safe for international families to send their children to the UK for their education.



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