

Covid-19 Visitor Guidelines

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Introduction

Mary Hare is asking for the support and understanding of our visitors in helping us minimise the risk of Covid-19. These guidelines are in addition to the School's 'Visitor Policy' and explicitly refer to visiting Mary Hare during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In our approach to operating the School and its businesses, Mary Hare follows the latest Government advice and continues to take guidance from Public Health England and the Boarding Schools' Association. Taking this into account, we are now limiting access to the School sites to essential visitors only. If you are unsure as to whether your proposed visit is considered essential, please email the School Reception, reception@maryhare.org.uk. If your visit is non-essential, you are advised to arrange a meeting using Microsoft Teams with the appropriate member(s) of staff.

Across all School sites current social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Regular handwashing or sanitising in line with Government guidance must be adhered to, prior to and during any visit to the School site(s). Sanitisers are provided at the entrance to all School buildings and in every room and toilets.

For the avoidance of potential embarrassment, we advise you that the School is currently operating a 'no handshake' policy for all members of its community.

We apologise for not being able to give you our usual warm welcome, but we must take the current situation very seriously, follow all the guidance and look after the welfare of all our pupils and staff.

Arrival and while on School sites

All visitors must arrive wearing a face mask (Bandana and gaiters are not acceptable).

On arrival, please use the hand sanitiser at Reception and report to Reception to sign in.

All visitors will be required to sign a declaration at Reception confirming:

- you have **not** travelled from or transited through any of the countries or areas that are currently on the Government 'Quarantine List' in the past 14 days

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- You or anyone in your household have not displayed symptoms of Coronavirus within the last seven days:
 - **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- No one in your household is required, or been advised, to self-isolate in accordance with Government guidelines

Visitors are required to wear a mask in corridors, walkways and in all communal areas.

Please bring your own water bottle or flask where possible. Tea/coffee and water are available where this can be provided in a safe and secure manner.

If on-site during lunchtime, you should bring your own packed lunch unless you are advised that food is to be provided by the on-site School catering team.

If your visit will be pupil facing, please also refer to the additional guidelines below.

If you have any questions, please contact the member of staff you are due to visit or one of the following:

Reception	01635 244200
School Office	01635 244275
Facilities & Estates	01635 244295

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AT THIS TIME.

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Pupil-Facing Visits

This will be 'business as usual' but we would like you to follow the guidance below:

- Minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from School staff
- Please wear a mask at all times, with the exception of talking to the pupils about their needs
- Classroom observations will be undertaken from the doorway of classrooms
- Please use the sanitising stations as you enter each new building
- Habilitation/mobility walks can be undertaken, but should not be done at times when large groups of pupils are transitioning around the site
- Please use a room which has been booked in advance to talk to/assess pupils
- If you need information from a particular subject teacher – please can this be sought electronically where possible
- Please also adhere to your company's Covid-19 guidance and discuss any concerns with a member of School staff – we will be happy to try to accommodate any requirements in order to keep everyone safe
- Please give us as much information as possible in advance about your proposed itinerary so that we can plan to make your visit as safe as possible for all involved

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