

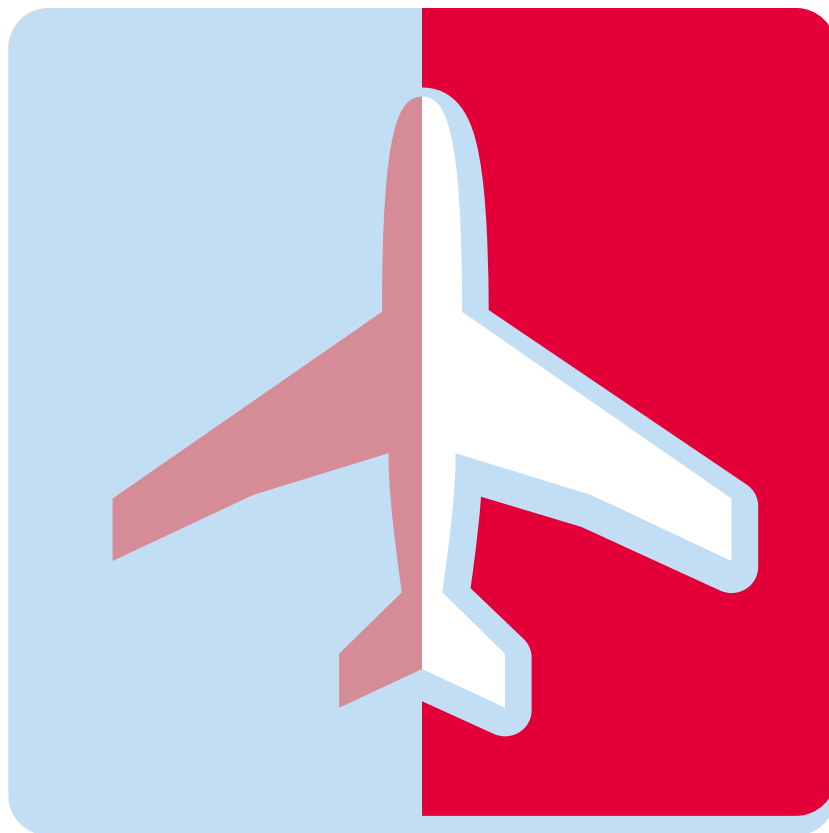
**Our health and safety commitment  
combined with a flexible approach to the  
admissions process**



**Earlscliffe**

**Earlscliffe 2020**

*Fortunately, it is less likely that younger people in society become ill with Covid-19 and therefore living in a school community largely made up of teenagers presents less risk of illness than that presented in other situations and settings. However, **we are committed to making our environment as safe as possible** for all our students and staff.*



## Coming to Earlscliffe

Our pre-arrival guidance – *‘International travel – staying safe’* will be issued to all students and families.

Arriving at Earlscliffe – according to an agreed, staggered schedule, students will arrive up to seven days before the formal start of the term.

Collection from the airport and private car transfer will be arranged by Earlscliffe, using one designated company who will be party to our *‘Travelling Safely’* agreement for transport providers.

We will offer our usual warm welcome including a medical meeting with our School Nurse, and a commercial swab test or swab and antigen test for Covid-19. Test results should be returned within 48-72 hours. All our staff will have already been tested before any student arrives with us.

We intend to offer a full service, ‘soft’ isolation in a supervised student residence as may be required.

Results of Covid-19 test: once a negative test is confirmed students will be able to move between the buildings and meet friends whilst observing social distancing guidelines. Students will be advised to spend free time within Earlscliffe’s ‘bubble’ for the first two weeks of the new term. We do not expect – but will be fully prepared for – any positive Covid-19 test at any point during the academic year, which will include providing appropriate medical care whilst in supervised, self-isolation.



# Studying and living in Earlscliffe



Earlscliffe buildings will be 'deep cleaned' prior to the term starting and all classrooms, common areas and entry/exit doors etc will be cleaned regularly throughout the working day. Students will be asked to keep their own personal spaces, eg desk, wardrobe, bookshelves etc in their bedrooms tidy so that our staff can clean all surfaces.

Students live either in single or generous twin rooms, both of which have private bathrooms.

Students and staff will enter Earlscliffe each day via a thermal imaging screen which tests for an elevated body temperature. Anyone with a 'red' reading will report immediately to the School Nurse for a further test.





Staff may wear Perspex visors and disposable gloves when in classrooms or any situation which puts them in closer contact with students and colleagues.

Students and staff may wear face coverings when in group situations.

Students and staff are expected to follow all guidance on social distancing.

Students and staff are expected to follow all hygiene guidance with specific regard to regular handwashing. Sanitiser gel is widely available throughout Earlscliffe.

Students are registered with our local doctor ('General Practitioner' or 'GP') shortly after arrival.

Our boarding houses will remain open for international students over the October 2020, February and May 2021 half-terms. Should the need arise, we will offer 'homestay' accommodation over the Christmas period.

Keeping fit and staying healthy is encouraged, but Earlscliffe will not organise or authorise student participation in contact sports until a relevant national body and/or UK government states that it is safe to do so.

Earlscliffe class/group trips will not take place until further notice.

Students should follow all social distancing and infection mitigation guidelines when in the local community.

Earlscliffe must be notified in advance (at least 24hrs) of potential visits by family, friends, guests and prospective students for these to be managed in a way which follows all necessary guidance and presents minimum risk to our Earlscliffe community. Earlscliffe reserves the right to postpone a visit request.

Private medical insurance - you cannot take out private healthcare insurance as an alternative to paying the health immigration surcharge (as a Tier 4 visa national) as this is a mandatory fee included as part of your visa application. It is a personal decision whether you also have private healthcare insurance. You may wish to consider this to cover the following potential health-related costs:

- Loss of fees if you are unable to complete your course
- Costs incurred returning to your home country for treatment
- Private medical treatment

If you already have medical insurance in your home country, you may wish to check whether this can be extended to cover your stay in the UK.



## Potential delayed start to the first term (September 2020)

It is our strong intention to open Earlscliffe at the start of term in September 2020. The gradual re-opening of national economies around the world is a positive sign, as is of course the re-opening of schools in England from 01 June 2020 through a staged process.

If Earlscliffe was not authorised to re-open its boarding provision in September 2020, or we felt it too much of a risk to do so after seeking guidance from the relevant authorities and agencies, we would then offer Earlscliffe Online from the start of the first term until a later physical start date, eg October/November 2020 or January 2021 which would see the physical resumption and delivery of a full A-level/DUFC/Diploma programme or GCSE course.

## Application, acceptance and payment: a flexible approach to international admissions

We offer a **Rapid Response Admissions** process for all new applications to Earlscliffe. From the moment we receive a completed application form and any tests, eg English and Mathematics, **we guarantee a decision within 48hrs**, during which time we will mark tests, conduct an online interview via Skype or Zoom and review the whole application. We will then expedite a visa process where applicable using Newland Chase, a law firm specialising in student visa applications (<https://www.education.newlandchase.com/>).

## Invoicing

The invoice for registration fee and deposit is payable immediately after a place is accepted by the student's family.

The invoice for the first term is payable by 30/06/20 or no more than fourteen days after receiving the first term's invoice if registering after 30/06/20.

## Start of the first term

Our published course start date is 08 September 2020 (please see above regarding a possible delayed start).

## Flexible refund structure

**1. If Earlscliffe is physically open but a student cannot travel** to the UK to start the term by 08 October due to one or more of the following circumstances:

- A student's own country bans or advises against international travel or travel to the UK specifically
- It becomes impossible to receive a visa (which allows at least up to six months' study) to arrive in the UK before 08 October 2020
- The UK closes its borders to international travellers

they can withdraw and receive a refund of the first term's fees and deposit or join the 'fast-track' course in January 2021 (see below).

**2. If Earlscliffe cannot physically open** then we will deliver Earlscliffe Online. If a family pays the first term's invoice (which includes boarding and tuition) but that term is delivered



online as Earlscliffe cannot open, the difference in fees (the reduction for no boarding) will be credited to the second and third terms' invoices equally. If we deliver the first term online, the standard fee will be 7,545 GBP for the term. If Earlscliffe was permitted to open for example, in early November, then the online fee would apply proportionately.

### **January 2021 'fast-track' course**

If a student elects to delay the start of their course (A-level/ GCSE/DUFC/Diploma) until January 2021 having previously registered to start in September 2020 and does not want to participate in Earlscliffe Online from September-December 2020 (or part thereof) or they were unable to join Earlscliffe by 08 October due to one or more of the circumstances listed above, they may delay their course start until the second term in January 2021 as a 'fast track' student and would join additional subject lessons during the normal week throughout the following two terms **and** over the February, April and May school holiday periods (in residence at Earlscliffe) in order to catch up on the work missed during the first term. The standard 'fast-track' fees for the second and third terms (January – March 2021 and April - June 2021) would be GBP 16,350 per term.

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