



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

BOARDING – Michaelmas 2020

COVID-19 MEASURES AND CHANGES

Welcome back! I hope you've had a wonderful summer break. The Lloyd-Peck's summer has been peppered with camping trips and spending time with family. Beatrix and Leo are certainly ready to return, as I hope you all are. We have two new overseas boarders to welcome, Juan Goday from Spain and Alson Lau from Hong Kong, as well as our younger boarders, Trixie Brun and Humphrey Barratt. Good luck all – I am sure you'll settle in quickly!

To business: As you know, boarding has been limited to Full Boarders only to reduce traffic and therefore lower the risk of transmission of COVID19 to other pupils and staff. The school has signed up to the BSA COVID SAFE Charter, which can be found here: <https://www.boarding.org.uk/userfiles/bsa/Covid%20documents/Covid%20Safe%20Charter.pdf>

We have been working with the aim of boarding remaining as unchanged as possible but incorporating the necessary Covid-19 changes. You will have seen by the Headmaster's letter and our documentation from last term, we are committed to following government guidance and have deployed the discretion we have for mitigating risk in a balanced way, thereby creating an environment which best fosters the welfare of your children, while ensuring that common sense prevails. This document will take you through initial arrival, typical day and a weekend.

The informal and friendly snatched conversations 'in the corridor' with me, matron, the School Nurse, Registrar or Headmaster are very much less possible than usual, of course, but if you or your children wish for one of these, then advance warning, so we can arrange this from 12.45 to 2pm on Wednesday 7th September, would be most helpful.

Early next week will see an 'Introduction to Boarding' video which goes over much of this information – please watch it before you return to school.

There are three 'Pods' in the boarding house – like the 'Bubbles' we had during the day last term. We are only allowed 15 pupils in each Pod so there are two Boys' Pods and one Girls' Pod. The mixing between the three should be avoided in order that, were there to be a Covid-19 case, not all boarders would be obliged to self-isolate, only those in the pod. The key purpose of the Pod is that, were there a Covid-19 case in the boarding community, not all the children would be obliged to self-isolate.

POD 1 *Mr Lloyd-Peck being attached to this pod.*

BOYS 1 (11)

Aubrey McCosh
Finlay Folkard
Albert Cole
Rex Stilwell
Rex Yip
Benny Wong

William Hickman
Jamie Philippi
Nikolas Lowther
Harry McDougall
Xander Cary

POD 2 *Mr Day and Mr Fisher being attached to this pod.*

BOYS 2 (7)

Juan Goday
Johnny Crossley
Charlie Denham
George Barber

Alson Lau
Leonard Vince
Humphrey Barratt

POD 3 *Miss Thomas, Mrs Caswell and Matron Marvell being attached to this pod.*

GIRLS (15)

Siena Barber
India Barber
Zelie Birkbeck
Arabella Williams
Paige Brun
Soraya Fleming
Scarlet Spice
Honor Hambro

Mia Webster
Rosie Gilman
Tabitha Gurney
Olivia Barratt
Flavia Boyce
Flora Barratt
Trixie Brun

In the Pods themselves, you need not socially distance from one another, but it is important that you DO socially distance from those in other Pods, likewise, members of boarding staff that are not attached to your pod will remain socially distanced or wear face-covering and gloves when with you.

For this reason:

POD 1 will only use the stairs by the Staff Room to go up and downstairs.

Pod 2 will only use the Boys' Main stairs.

Pod 3 will only use the Girls' stairs either by Matron Marvell's flat or the main Girls' stairs.

DORMS – Allocation. Each dorm will have roughly half the usual number of pupils to maximise free space.

You must bring as few personal possessions as possible for this term – a strict minimal kit list is below:

Uniforms	Dressing Gown
2x Day Clothes	Slippers
Photographs	Pyjamas x2
One Teddy	Towel x 2
Wash Kit	Water Bottle
	Books*/E-reader (not internet capable)

AS YOU KNOW, ALL INTERNET ENABLED ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN
(bar overseas children who must hand them into me when they arrive).

ARRIVAL

The timetable for your return is printed below – each boarder has roughly 20 minutes to unpack with a Matron or member of staff. Please sanitise your hands on entering the building.

PARENTS: Please park by the Dean Courts. Please do not enter the school building except for dropping off bags in the sports hall, the doors will all remain open to allow good ventilation. If you need the loo during this time, please only use the visitor's loos in the East passage. Please do not linger around in the building, if you wish to spend more time saying goodbyes with your son/daughter then you should do this in or by your own cars.

CHILDREN: You may leave your belongings in the Sports Hall if attending Pre-Season training but must not go upstairs until your allocated time. There will be plenty of boarding staff to facilitate unpacking. If your allocated time is during Pre-Season training then you will be excused to come and unpack.

TIME OF ARRIVAL	POD ONE (BOYS) (10)	POD TWO (BOYS) (7)	POD THREE (GIRLS) (15)
13:00	Rex Yip	Alson Lau	Tabitha Gurney
13:20	Benny Wong	Juan Goday	Flora Barratt
13:40	Aubrey McCosh	Leonard Vince	Olivia Barratt
14:00	Albert Cole	Humphrey Barratt	Paige Brun
14:20	Finlay Folkhard	Johnny Crossley	Trixie Brun
14:40	Jamie Philippi	Charlie Denham	India Barber
15:00	William Hickman		Siena Barber
15:20	Rex Stilwell	George Barber	Mia Webster
15:40	Nikolas Lowther		Honor Hambro
16:00	Harry McDougall		Zelie Birkbeck
16:20	Xander Cary		Scarlet Spice
16:40			Soraya Fleming
17:00			Rosie Gilman
17:00			Flavia Boyce
17:00			Arabella Williams

DORMS:

BOYS:

CADDOW: Leonard Vince (DC), Humphrey Barratt, Alson Lau.

HARNSER: Charlie Denham (DC), George Barber, Juan Goday, Johnny Crossley.

HEDGE BETTY: Rex Stilwell (DC), Aubrey McCosh, Jamie Philippi, Benny Wong.

MAVISH RED SECTION 1: Albert Cole (DC), Finlay Folkard.

MAVISH RED SECTION 2: William Hickman, Harry McDougal.

MAVISH GREEN SECTION 1: Xander Cary, Rex Yip.

GIRLS:

MAWKIN: Arabella (DC), India, Paige, Scarlet, Soraya.

CUCKOO: Mia (DC), Siena, Honor, Zelig.

MARDLE: Tabitha (DC), Olivia, Rosie.

CUCKOO: Flora (DC), Flavia, Trixie.

Once you have unpacked, you will be either returning to Pre-Season training, watching the training or be taking up an activity to participate in/ complete by boarding staff.

As normal, there will then be a boarding meeting for all pupils at 5:30pm on the Putting Lawn and some pool party sessions, Zorbing and other activities for individual Pods with a BBQ supper.

EVENINGS:

In the evenings at supper, we will discuss which areas of the school are open to which Pods – this can change on each evening depending on what activity you'd like to do or where you would like to go.

Common Rooms: Year Eights will have their own spaces as normal – as the Year 7 Common Room has been closed this term (for the need of an extended Staff Room) Year Seven will also be allowed into the Year Eight Common Rooms.

The Den will be of shared use between Year 6 and below on a rota system between the two Pods.

There will be laundry baskets outside each dorm – all of your clothes are to be washed everyday by matrons so each night you must please put them in your laundry basket.

LATE SUPPER: After activities, there will be late supper for 20 minutes in the Dining hall for Year 6 and below only and conducted in a socially distanced manner between those two pods.

BEDTIMES:

Year 4 to 6:

8pm (fifteen minutes of reading and then lights out)

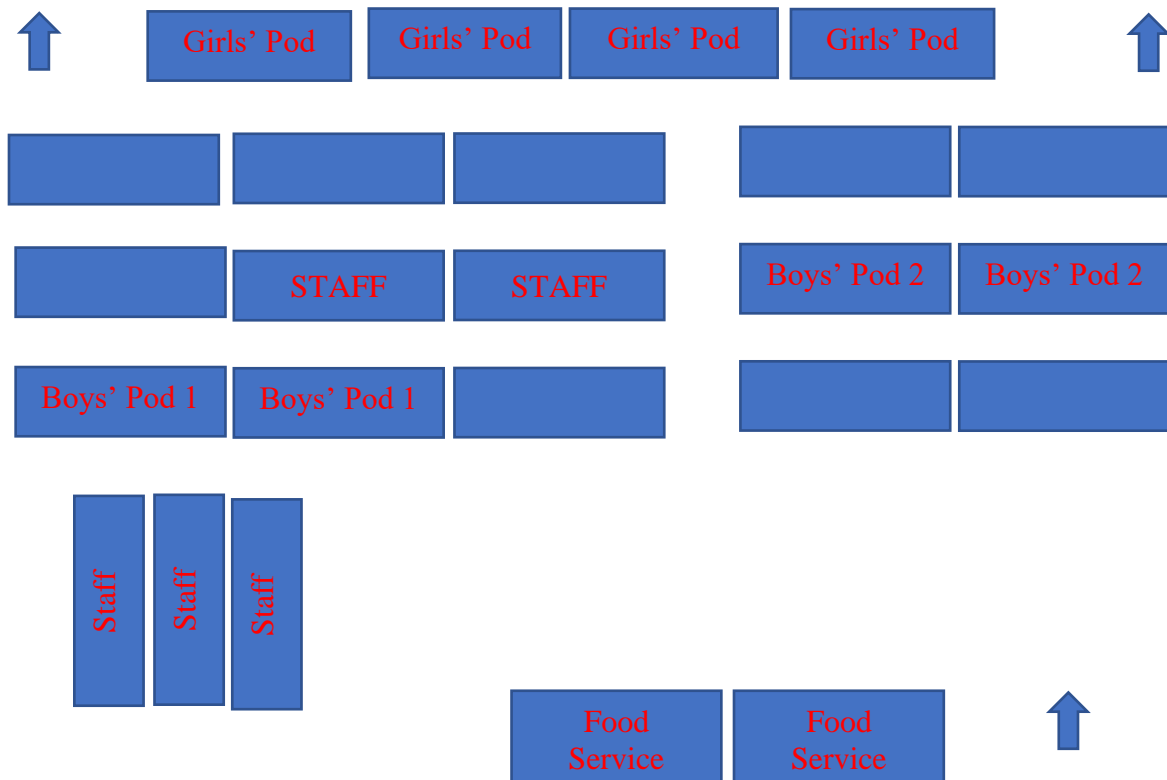
Year 7 and 8:

9pm (fifteen minutes of reading and then lights out)

MORNING ROUTINE:

In the morning, the radio will go on at 7a.m as normal, You will go to the bathrooms – Girls will be unaffected as you are in one single Pod but boys will have sinks, showers and toilets allocated to each of the two pods.

When you come down for Breakfast, **please bring with you your water bottle so it can be sanitised**, the girls will be expected to be seated first at the back of the dining hall and a member of boarding staff will see to this. You may collect your cereal or toast as normal and wait to be brought up, pod by pod, for the hot option. Wherever possible, we'll try to keep movement to a minimum.



After Breakfast, you will be dismissed by the member of staff on duty and you will go directly to your classroom, following the one-way system marked about the school.

Boarders will be asked to take up as many of the music practice slots as possible after breakfast (from 7.50am) because the Covid-19 restrictions mean use of the practice rooms is more limited.

WEEKENDS:

You will notice that we have two extra Exeats this term. This means we are operating a 'one weekend in, one weekend out' system (except for right at the end of term)

The planned activities for weekends are as follows – (subject to COVID19 restrictions remaining the same or easing further)

Sat 12th and Sun 13th September

6th ANNUAL BEESTIVAL WEEKEND – CAMPING OUT ON THE LAWN (In Pods) – Bring a tent and sleeping bag!

Sat 19th Sun 20th September 1st EXEAT

Sat 26th and Sun 27th September

PLEASUREWOOD HILLS TRIP

Sat 3rd and Sun 4th October 2nd EXEAT

Sat 10th and Sun 11th October

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN ADVENTURE at MORSTON QUAY and EXPEDITION WEEKEND 1/2
HALF TERM FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 1ST

Sat 7th and Sun 8th November

HENRY CHAMBERLAIN ADVENTURE at MORSTON QUAY and EXPEDITION WEEKEND 2/2

Sat 14th and Sun 15th November 3rd EXEAT

Sat 21st and Sun 22nd November

LASER QUEST AND NORWICH HISTORY WALK WEEKEND

Sat 28th and Sun 29th November 4th EXEAT

Sat 5th and Sun 6th December

STICKY EARTH CAFÉ

Sat 12th and Sun 13th December

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CREATIONS

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: (as per the Boarding Handbook)

PASSPORTS, MONEY AND ID:

Please ensure these are handed into me (Mr Lloyd-Peck) when you arrive, so that I can file these securely in the Bursar's Office.

TELEPHONES:

When you want to make a phone call home – and we encourage you to within the first 24 hours of arrival – Please wipe the phone handle and buttons down with the wipes provided before and after your call.

READING MATTER:

We are particularly advising some careful and varied choices of reading matter, so the boys and girls have plenty to be going on with in the evenings since – again – the handling of lots of different items to be discouraged. Perhaps single weighty tome (think *Harry Potter Books IV* onwards or *A Suitable Boy!*) to be encouraged...rather than more shareable items.

TUCK:

This will be available on weekends in the Matron's Room. You will line up along the corridor outside, towards the link, observing distancing rules. Matron Marvell will be the only person to touch the tuck (wearing gloves), you will ask her (politely) what you would like.

DRINKING WATER and FRUIT:

There will be a supply of drinking water and fruit in all the Common Rooms for you to have – it is up to you to ask for these to be replenished – a good way to earn boarding merits!

MEDICAL AND DIETARY:

Please ensure any medicine or vitamin supplements are handed in to Mrs Alison Bailey RCN, our School Nurse, so she can sign for and store this securely. You may wish to have a discussion with her in advance about this on what may be a busy and distracting day!
(matrons@beestonhall.co.uk)

If you have any questions or queries – please do not hesitate to contact me (Mr. Lloyd-Peck) at dl@beestonhall.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all!

David Lloyd-Peck

27th August 2020

Head of Boarding and Housemaster