



BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

As the COVID-19 outbreak develops, we continue to follow guidance of Public Health England and other key agencies. The Easter break could present a significant challenge for our boarding families in terms of travel and returning to home countries. As such, one of our boarding houses will remain open to pupils over the Easter break.

The boarding house will be supervised by members of our boarding staff across the whole Easter holiday and there will be a programme in place that pupils will be expected to follow. This will include mornings dedicated to school work and revision, afternoons and evenings with various organised activities, including free time and occasional daytrips. The cost per pupil of staying in Barnard Castle School will be £75 per night, which will include meals, accommodation and supervision. Trips out may incur an additional cost.

Our expectation is that, where possible, pupils will return home to families or make arrangements to stay with guardians in the UK. However, if your child is unable to travel, we are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to stay at Barnard Castle School over the Easter break. **We ask that you confirm your child's plans with their Housemaster or Housemistress in writing by Monday 16th March.** In recognition that the COVID-19 situation is evolving on a daily basis, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Housemaster or Housemistress after this date to discuss options, if your plans change.

The welfare of our pupils remains our absolute priority and we hope this opportunity for your child to stay with us over the Easter break provides you with a sense of security at a challenging time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

Mr Peter Lavery
Deputy Head (Pastoral)