



Van Mildert College
Durham University

PRE-ARRIVAL UPDATE 2

2021/2022

We are pleased to share with you the next of our pre-arrival updates and hope that you find the information below helpful. We realise that there is a lot of information to read through ahead of your arrival but please do take the time to read the below in full as it contains important information including details of Durham's COVID-19 testing procedures.

Test to Participate – important pre-arrival task

Here at Durham University we have extensive COVID-19 Lateral Flow Test (LFT) facilities across campus, which are available to all students and staff. We test twice weekly to help minimise Covid-19 transmission within our University community.

Testing twice a week at one of our testing sites will enable you to participate in University-organised wider student experience (WSE) activities throughout Welcome and Orientation Week and beyond. This involves taking LFT tests between two to four days apart and no more than 48 hours before attending a WSE activity.

In order to make use of the University LFT testing facilities, you must have completed [University online enrolment](#) and a small amount of training.

We strongly advise that you complete the LFT training before travelling, as we encourage all students to complete an LFT on arrival. Indeed, you will be directed to a nearby testing site once you have unloaded your belongings.

This will ensure you have the best possible student experience when arriving in Durham, and help us minimise Covid-19 transmission within our University community. You can complete the LFT training [here](#).

To summarise, please take the following steps ahead of your arrival -

- Step 1: Complete your online enrolment
- Step 2: Complete our LFT training
- Step 3: Test before you travel to Durham
- Step 4. Test when you arrive in Durham
- Step 5. Keep testing

Testing for parents, family and friends

Some of you will be accompanied by parents, family or friends when you arrive in Durham. Along with each of you, we hope that we will also have the opportunity to offer a warm welcome to those who have made the journey with you. However, in order to do this in a COVID-19 secure way we politely request that anyone accompanying you also takes a COVID-19 test before arrival. Our request is that anyone entering our College buildings will have received a negative COVID-19 test within the last 48 hours.



Our Student Pledge

When you join Durham University, you become part of our community and of the wider community in which we are proud to be located.

The global coronavirus pandemic means that now, more than ever, we all need to work to support each other, to behave appropriately and with consideration, and to uphold the values of our institution – to be inspiring, challenging, innovative, responsible and enabling.

As part of joining the community we ask our students to agree to be good citizens by signing up to the pledge below which forms part of the University's regulations. Part of being a good citizen is a commitment to act in ways that keep you and others safe. The University has added a section to the Student Pledge in relation of COVID-19.



Student Pledge

durham.ac.uk/experience/colleges/pledge

#DUpledge



Report and Support

We take reports of bullying and harassment, hate incidents, sexual misconduct and domestic abuse seriously. All staff, students and visitors to our campus are able to use this online tool. More information about the tool can be found [here](#) and on the page that follows.

We also wish to draw your attention to the information [here](#) provided by the University's Jewish Society in relation to incidents of Anti-Semitism.

Remember to follow us on social media for regular updates...



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Van Mildert College

Report+Support

We pride ourselves on building a respectful and inclusive environment where staff and students can study, work and live in a community which does not tolerate bullying, harassment, hate incidents or sexual misconduct and violence.

If you witness or experience these or any unwanted behaviours, use our online tool to report it. You can make an anonymous report or a report with contact details and gain access to an advisor.



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