



7 January 2021

Dear Families,

This is a brief addendum to our letter of January 5th, which you will find appended at the end.

The schedule provided at the bottom of this chain is, indeed, the schedule with which we will begin on the 11th.

Have you made an appointment to have your child tested prior to the start of school? Please remember we are asking for proof of a negative test from no more than 72 hours prior to arrival on campus. That's PCR or Antigen, the latter of which is available on appointment at pharmacies around the city. Please plan to send proof of negative test - with date of test clearly visible - to nurse@sssrome.it at least a day before, or make sure your child presents the results at the gate on their first day of school. The gate will open at 8:00am for an 8:30am start. Families of students with medical exceptions should reach out to our nurses now.

Please remember that we would like to limit campus presence to supervised activities only and also to have students on public transportation as little as possible. No matter the grade, if your child has a free period or study hall first thing in the morning on the day they're meant to be in school, please make arrangements for them to come to school only in time for their first class. If this is inconvenient for you to arrange, we will certainly work with you to find another solution. Please contact [Ms Vik Podagelyte](#) for further details.

Many overseas destinations still require quarantining on arrival. Please be sure to stay up-to-date with the most current regulations. These websites can help:

Focus dedicated to returns from abroad on the [Farnesina website](#).

In-depth analysis published on the [Viaggiare Sicuri portal, by the Crisis Unit](#)

[Online questionnaire](#) available on the Viaggiare Sicuri portal

If you and/or your children are meant to be in quarantine as per the Italian restrictions, they CANNOT come to school. Please be sure to contact [Mr Alex Wreth](#) to be put on the Remote Learning list.

Amended restrictions for arrivals from the UK. Please find the full text here below in both Italian and English:

“AGGIORNAMENTO SUI RIENTRI IN ITALIA DAL REGNO UNITO- VALIDO DAL 7 AL 15 GENNAIO 2021

SOGGIORNI NEL REGNO UNITO PRIMA DEL 7 DICEMBRE 2020 E DOPO IL 6 GENNAIO 2021

Per chi ha soggiornato o transitato nel Regno prima del 7 dicembre 2020 e/o dal 7 gennaio 2021 (ma non in qualsiasi data compresa tra il 21 dicembre e il 6 gennaio) valgono le regole in vigore per i Paesi dell'elenco E ex DPCM 3 dicembre 2020.

Queste prevedono l'obbligo di compilare un'autodichiarazione, essere in grado, in caso di controlli, di dimostrare il possesso dei requisiti per l'ingresso, informare immediatamente il Dipartimento di Prevenzione della ASL competente del proprio arrivo in Italia per avviare i 14 giorni di isolamento fiduciario e sorveglianza sanitaria e raggiungere la propria destinazione finale con mezzo privato. Solo a questi spostamenti, ove ne ricorrano le condizioni, si applicano anche le eccezioni normalmente previste dall'art. 8 comma 8 del DPCM 3 dicembre 2020 (per ulteriori informazioni sulle eccezioni previste e più in generale sulla normativa relativa ai rientri dai Paesi dell'Elenco E, clicca sul link di seguito).

<http://www.viaggiare Sicuri.it/approfondim.../saluteinviaggio>

SOGGIORNI O TRANSITI NEL REGNO UNITO TRA IL 7 DICEMBRE 2020 E IL 6 GENNAIO 2021

A coloro che hanno invece soggiornato o transitato nel Regno Unito tra il 7 dicembre 2020 ed il 6 gennaio 2021, è consentito l'ingresso in Italia solamente a coloro che hanno la residenza anagrafica in Italia da data anteriore al 23 dicembre 2020 oppure che hanno un motivo di assoluta necessità (è necessario specificare nell'autodichiarazione il motivo del rientro presso la propria residenza oppure quello di assoluta necessità). In questi casi, l'ingresso nel territorio nazionale è consentito secondo la seguente disciplina:

a) obbligo di presentazione al vettore all'atto dell'imbarco e a chiunque sia deputato ad effettuare i controlli, della certificazione di essersi sottoposte, nelle 72 ore antecedenti all'ingresso nel territorio nazionale, ad un test molecolare o antigenico, effettuato per mezzo di tampone risultato negativo;

b) obbligo di sottoporsi ad un test molecolare o antigenico, da effettuarsi per mezzo di tampone, al momento dell'arrivo in aeroporto, porto o luogo di confine, ove possibile, ovvero entro 48 ore dall'ingresso nel territorio nazionale presso l'azienda sanitaria locale di riferimento. In caso di ingresso nel territorio nazionale mediante volo proveniente dal Regno Unito di Gran Bretagna e Irlanda del nord, il tampone deve essere effettuato al momento dell'arrivo in aeroporto;

c) obbligo di sottoporsi, a prescindere dall'esito del test di cui alla lettera b), alla sorveglianza sanitaria e all'isolamento fiduciario per un periodo di quattordici giorni presso l'abitazione o la dimora, previa comunicazione del proprio ingresso nel territorio nazionale al Dipartimento di prevenzione dell'azienda sanitaria competente per territorio.

Per ulteriori informazioni:

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“UPDATE ON RETURNS TO ITALY FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM - VALID FROM 7 TO 15 JANUARY 2021

(Read carefully)

STAYS IN THE UK BEFORE 7TH DECEMBER 2020 AND AFTER 6TH JANUARY 2021

For those who have stayed or passed through the Kingdom before 7 December 2020 and / or from 7 January 2021 (but not on any date between 21 December and 6 January) the rules in force for the countries of list E ex DPCM apply. December 3, 2020.

These provide for the obligation to fill in a self-declaration, be able, in the event of checks, to demonstrate possession of the requirements for entry, immediately inform the Prevention Department of the competent ASL of your arrival **in Italy to start the 14 days of fiduciary isolation and health surveillance and reach their final destination by private vehicle**. Only to these movements, where the conditions are met, do the exceptions normally provided for by art. 8 paragraph 8 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 3 December 2020 (for further information on the exceptions envisaged and more generally on the legislation relating to returns from List E countries, click on the link below).

<http://www.viaggiasesicuri.it/approfondim.../saluteinviaggio>

STAYS OR TRANSITS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BETWEEN 7 DECEMBER 2020 AND 6 JANUARY 2021

On the other hand, those who have stayed or transited in the United Kingdom between 7 December 2020 and 6 January 2021 are allowed to enter Italy only to those who have registered residence in Italy from a date prior to 23 December 2020 or who have a reason of absolute necessity (it is necessary to specify in the self-declaration the reason for returning to one's residence or that of absolute necessity). In these cases, entry into the national territory is allowed according to the following rules:

- a) obligation to present to the carrier at the time of boarding and to anyone appointed to carry out the checks, of the certification of having undergone, in the 72 hours prior to entry into the national territory, to a molecular or antigenic test, carried out by means of swab negative result;
- b) obligation to undergo a molecular or antigen test, to be carried out by means of a swab, upon arrival at the airport, port or border place, where possible, or within 48 hours of entering the national territory at the company local health reference. In case of entry into the national territory by flight from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the swab must be carried out upon arrival at the airport;
- c) obligation to undergo, regardless of the outcome of the test referred to in letter b), health surveillance and fiduciary isolation for a period of fourteen days at the home or residence, upon notification of their entry into the national territory to the Prevention Department of the local health authority.”

Thank you,
Tina M Rocchio
Interim Assistant Head of School
Covid Manager

5 January 2021

Dear St. Stephen's Families,

Before we delve into what school reopening might look like in Lazio this term, please allow me to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year full of promise and reunion with loved ones, near and far.

As some of you may be aware, there have been on-going discussions this week, indeed as I write, in government (both at the State and Regional levels) with regards to school re-openings in Italy. We are following the most credible news reports and governmental press conferences and releases assiduously and stand ready to 'pivot' (that very 2020 term), as needed.

As it currently stands, it looks like schools in the Lazio Region will re-open with 50% in-person presence and, possibly, staggered entry times.

We are currently working on a schedule that will provide 50% in school presence and 50% remote learning. To address the staggered entry, given our relatively small population, of which many are already residential, and the very small percentage of our students using public transportation, we will begin classes at 8:30am each day but ask that students with no first or second period classes, come in later.

Here is the **provisional schedule**, pending possible Italian revision:

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8.30 - 9.15	F 1	B1	D2	A4	G4
9.20 - 10.05	F 2	B2	A3	A5	G5
10.05 - 10.25	INTERVALLO	INTERVALLO	INTERVALLO	INTERVALLO	INTERVALLO
10.25 - 11.10	E1	C1	E3	C4	D3
11.15 - 12.00	E2	C2	B3	C5	D4
12.05 - 12.50	D1	A1	G2 (9-11) (B - 12)	B4	F5 (C)
12.55 - 1.40 + 40 mins lunch	D5 (A)	A2	G3 (9 - 11) (C - 12) /Lunch	B5	F4
2.25 - 3.10	G1 (A)	H 2.25 - 3.35	C3	H 2.25 - 3.35	E4
3.15 - 4.00		I 3.35 - 4.45	F3	I 3.35 - 4.45	E5 (B)
		J 4.45 - 5.55		J 4.45 - 5.55	

The gate will open at 8:00am, and classes will start at 8.30am for all students - whether remote or in school. We will have two grade levels in school at any one time. Grades 11 and 12 are always in school on Mondays and Thursdays, Grades 9 and 10 on Tuesdays and Fridays, with Wednesdays alternating (on Wednesday 13th January, Grades 11 and 12 will be in school and Grades 9 and 10 at home).

All remote Wednesdays are earmarked for asynchronous work.

Admission to school upon receipt of negative test result

I take this opportunity to remind you of our Covid-19 testing scheme this year. We are requiring all families to provide proof of negative nasal swab, PCR or Antigen, done no more than 72 hours *before entering school*. Please send results via email to the [school nurses](#) and be sure your teen is prepared to show a copy of the test results at the gate on their first day back to school.

Increased testing

As anticipated in the Head's letter before break, we are increasing our on-campus testing. Until the end of March, at least, we will be testing all day students once every two weeks and we ask that families test on the off weeks. Testing will start on the 18th and schedules will be shared at the end of next week.

It is proven that early detection is key to a healthy campus. With the wide availability of nasal swabs even at neighbourhood pharmacies coupled with the affordability, we hope to have full compliance on this. For the month of January, the Regione Lazio has made [drive-in tests available](#) for high school students. If, by any chance, you or a family member should test positive during one of these off-campus tests, please contact me or our nurses immediately.

To maintain a healthy campus for all, we will increase testing of our faculty and staff, as well as the cafeteria staff, to once every week. To further minimize chances of an outbreak, our residential community will be tested twice per week.

Vaccine

At the time of this writing, 479,700 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNtech) were distributed in Italy and just over 118,000 people vaccinated with the first dose (71,104 women and 47,450 men). Most vaccinations went to healthcare workers, as per the roll-out plan, and then to residents of housing for the elderly. It is predicted that these two populations will be vaccinated by the end of January, after which time priority will be given to: 'fragile' people (immunosuppressed, chronic illness, elderly, etc.), teachers, police officers, prisons and then the greater public. The goal is to have 70% of the Italian public vaccinated. This [dashboard](#) provides updated numbers in real time.

Arrivals on 'Covid-free' Flights

If you traveled over the holidays and have arrived or will arrive on a so-called 'Covid-free' flight, please be in touch with me, Tina Rocchio, for further information (see below).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments:

Day student questions: viktorija.podagelyte@sssrome.it

Boarding student questions, including arrival and quarantine: mike.mottola@sssrome.it

COVID testing and protocols: tina.rocchio@sssrome.it

Remote teaching/general teaching and learning questions: alex.wreth@sssrome.it

Student academic schedule questions: deborah.dostert@sssrome.it

Billing/business office: business.manager@sssrome.it

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