



From the Director

28th July 2020

Dear Students and Parents,
cc National Committees

I am writing to you as we are entering the final weeks of the school vacation. I hope that you all managed to take a break. Everyone at school is excited about seeing students back on campus and we are therefore looking forward to your return.

Of course, we fully understand that for some of you this return will be tempered with anxiety about what school and northern Tanzania will look like when you get here. Every country's response to this global pandemic has been different and this in itself has caused a degree of concern. I am delighted that so many of you have been able to join the Zoom Q and A sessions which have taken place over the last weeks and months, your feedback and ideas have been very useful in informing our plans. The school has worked hard over the vacation planning and getting ready for your return and details of our planning and the associated guidelines that have been drawn up can be found on our dedicated coronavirus webpage: <https://www.uwcea.org/coronavirus/>.

Late on Monday, and totally unexpectedly, we received the latest Tanzanian Government Travel Advisory: https://www.uwcea.org/cv/Covid_MoH_Travel_Advisory_200720.pdf. The main features of this advisory are that:

1. there is no quarantine for arrivals in Tanzania unless you display symptoms of coronavirus upon arrival,
2. all travellers must carry an official COVID-19 clearance certificate issued within 72 hours of travel, and
3. screening procedures will be conducted on arrival.

As you see the need for a COVID-19 clearance certificate is included in the advisory. That said, we are currently receiving new and returning teachers, all of whom have not had a valid certificate, and they have been granted entry into the country. If you are in a country where it is possible to obtain a test and certification, you are advised to do so. That said, you should all carry your letter of admittance into the school which you may be asked for. The situation is liable to keep changing and should we hear anything else I will get back to you.

I look forward to seeing you here over the next days and weeks.

Warm regards,

Anna Marsden
Director