



COVID-19 Update for ISEB Common Pre-Tests August 2020

ISEB Common Pre-Tests for the 2020/21 academic year must be conducted in a school or at an approved invigilation centre.

It is not possible for the Common Pre-Tests to be conducted in a home or informal setting while continuing to maintain the integrity of the tests.

We are aware that all schools will have to make their own contingencies for any local/wider lockdown that may be applied.

At present, as we approach the autumn term, we consider that the situation is as follows;

For UK based applicants

- It is hoped that pupils in UK prep schools will be able to take the Common Pre-Tests in their own schools in the normal way.
- In the event that senior schools are not able to invite any/other applicants to take the Common Pre-Tests at the senior school, these applicants, if they cannot take the tests in their own school, will need to be tested at an approved invigilation centre.

For overseas applicants

- It is hoped that pupils in overseas prep schools will be able to take the Common Pre-Tests in their own schools in the normal way. However, it is already apparent that overseas schools' lockdowns may be widespread.
- Individual overseas applicants would usually take the Common Pre-Tests in an approved invigilation centre, which may also be affected by any local lockdown arrangements.

If circumstances dictate that the above arrangements for testing cannot take place, senior schools may need to consider how much flexibility they have in terms of the dates by which they require all their applicants to have taken the Common Pre-Tests.

ISEB will continue to monitor arrangements and will update schools as necessary.