



Bishop Douglass School FAQs

What parents and carers need to know about Bishop Douglass School re-opening in September

<p>Does my child need to attend school?</p>	<p>Yes. Government guidance states “It is vital that children and young people return to school for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development.”</p> <p>If you have concerns about your child returning to school because you consider they may have other risk factors, you should discuss this with the school.</p>
<p>What if someone in my family is showing symptoms of COVID 19?</p>	<p>Please keep your child at home, contact the school immediately and follow current Government guidance.</p> <p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</p>
<p>What date does my child start?</p>	<p>Thursday 3rd September - Year 7 – 8.50am Friday 4th September – Year 12 Induction Day – 8.50am Monday 7th September – Whole School</p>
<p>What time does my child need to attend school?</p>	<p>Pupils will be encouraged to arrive at staggered times to relieve the pressure on public transport. The school will be open from 7.45am. If your child is arriving after 8am please try and follow the recommended arrival times below. Pupils should not travel with others from outside their year group or household.</p> <p>Year 7 & 8: 8.30 – 8.40 Year 9, 10 & 11: 8.30 – 8.45 6th form: 8.45</p>
<p>Does my child have to wear school uniform?</p>	<p>Yes. Full school uniform is required.</p>
<p>What happens when my child arrives at school?</p>	<p>Your child must go either into the canteen or straight to their year group designated area. There will be library provision in the morning from 8 am but it may be necessary to put in place a year-group rota.</p>
<p>What precautionary measures are being put in place at Bishop Douglass?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed COVID-19 risk assessment has been completed by the school and

	<p>submitted to the local authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the main pupils will stay within and be taught within, their year group bubbles. • There will be clear signage around the school as to the importance of handwashing, hygiene and maintaining social distancing. • Extra handwashing stations have been installed. • Lunchtimes are staggered. • There will be an enhanced cleaning regime with regular wipe downs of classrooms and communal/frequently touched areas; • The school will have its own designated Medical/Safe room should a child or staff member start to feel ill during the day.
Will social distancing be in place at the school?	Yes. Social Distancing of 1 metre +, will be expected when this can be achieved. Year groups are being based in set locations around the School and teachers generally moving around rather than pupils, in order to limit the risk of the spread of infection.
What happens if my child becomes ill at school with suspected COVID symptoms?	We will have a designated safe medical area for anyone who may become ill from COVID 19. Our medical staff are trained to deal with this situation. You will be called as soon as possible.
Will there be a breakfast provision at school?	Yes. A free breakfast will be available to any pupils that arrive between 7.45am and 8.20am. They will eat their breakfast in the canteen in their year group bubbles.
What provision is there for food at break time?	Limited food will be available at break time. Your child may bring a snack and drink to school
What provision will there be at Lunchtime?	There will be a limited provision of food. All pupils will be able to purchase a nutritionally-balanced packed lunch and eat it within their year group bubble. We would recommend that, where possible, parents/carers provide their child with a packed lunch.
Will my child have a full timetable?	We have ensured that the school risk assessment will enable pupils to access their full curriculum. However, they may not be taught in a specialist classroom for a particular subject.

Will my child be taking exercise and text books home?	Yes. We want to get back to normal as much as possible. Pupils will use their exercise books at school and at home. They will also be marked by their teachers.
Will my child be allowed to wear a mask?	Pupils must wear face masks if they are using public transport. At present Government guidance indicates that the wearing of masks is not essential in the school environment. However if your child wishes to wear a mask, they will only be allowed to wear a standard surgical face mask.
How will the school manage my child's worries about being safe at school and reassuring them of the safety measures in place?	Our main priority as a school is to ensure that all the pupils and staff are safe in school. We have implemented various safety protocols to ensure that your child is safe. They will be informed of these procedures when they start in September and will be reminded on a regular basis, during form time, lessons and through posters around the school
How will the school manage the emotional, mental health and well-being of my child?	All staff will have training on identifying and dealing with emotional stress. The school has a strong pastoral system and we also operate a peer mentoring system to help support some pupils.
Will there be an after school provision for my child?	Yes. The school will be providing the normal period 6 interventions for Years 10 to 13. Prep will also be available for year group bubbles. Saturday provision will continue. Extra-curricular sporting clubs will continue within year group bubbles. An update will be sent out once school starts.
Will there be practical PE lessons, Drama and Music?	Outdoor areas or large spaces will be prioritised for the delivery of these lessons. Physical distancing will be a priority. Changing rooms will be wiped down after each lesson.
Will there be assemblies and masses?	Assemblies and masses are an important part of the spiritual life of Bishop Douglass School. Government guidance indicates that these can continue as long as pupils remain in their bubble group.