



Key information for start of term – Year 8

We're really looking forward to welcoming you on Thursday 3rd September. The school day starts at 8.40am and the Year group will form a 'bubble' to minimise mixing with students in other years. Each year bubble will learn from a designated space.

The Year 8 bubble will learn from W Block. On the first day you will be guided towards your designated hygiene station at the Assembly Hall where staff will guide you to your form room. It is important you remember your form title and form tutor name.

Form Title	Form teacher and contact email	Form classroom	Other key contacts
8 Hunter	Mrs A Robinson ARobinson@bishopschester.co.uk	W3	Miss A Yule Year Leader AYule@bishopschester.co.uk Mrs J Bryant Pastoral Support Officer JBryant@bishopschester.co.uk Attendance attendance@bishopschester.co.uk
8 Bishops'	Mr M Thomas MThomas@bishopschester.co.uk	W10	
8 Dee	Mrs A Webber AWebber@bishopschester.co.uk	W5	
8 Stratford	Miss E Jobling EJobling@bishopschester.co.uk	W6	
8 Coppack	Mrs J Sherwin JSherwin@bishopschester.co.uk	W7	
8 Grosvenor	Miss S Jones SJones@bishopschester.co.uk	W4	
8 Lane	Mr S Hooker SHooker@bishopschester.co.uk	W9	

Your first day will give you an opportunity to get to reconnect with your form group and key staff that will support your year group as well as having some lessons. You will also be given your timetable and your form tutor will share some key information about how you will learn and what spaces you will learn from. You will also receive information about Bishops' Expected Standards (BEST).

BEST is based on the second of Jesus' Great Commandments: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'. It is particularly important that we nurture a sense of responsibility, a sense of community and encourage students to act wisely in making positive choices. Before you arrive for your first day it is important that you read this information.

Bishops' Expected Standards

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Pride in uniform	<p>It will be lovely to see you in your full uniform. Please ensure that you have a full school uniform and PE uniform details of which can be found on the school website. You will also require a waterproof layer as you will be entering classrooms from outside spaces where possible. Face coverings and PPE masks are not permitted to be worn by students during the school day. This will be reviewed based on advice from Public Health England and guidance from the DFE. Face coverings are compulsory on public transport.</p>
Pride with equipment	<p>Please come prepared and ready to learn. In your school bag you should have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic equipment – <i>pencil case, black pen x 2, pencil x 2, pencil sharpener, rubber, green pen, colouring pencils, 15cm ruler, protractor, 360 degree compass, calculator, a reading book</i> Subjects may require additional equipment; this will be communicated in your initial lessons by your subject teachers. A healthy packed lunch and snack. There should be no cans of sugared drinks. Students receiving free school meals will receive a packed lunch. A filled water bottle. Please leave any old exercise books/textbooks from last year at home. If these are required, you will be informed about a safe way in which these can be returned to school. Unfortunately, we are unable to currently provide lockers due to students being in designated spaces.
Pride with hygiene	<p>Handwashing routines will have been well established when you have been at home. It is important that you remember these routines of handwashing and disposal of any tissues and similar items. All students will be required to clean their hands using hand sanitizer before entering the school building at their designated hygiene stations. There are also hand sanitisers in the spaces you will learn from, which you can use with guidance from staff. Students' are permitted to bring in their own hand sanitiser.</p>

We make **positive choices** and co-operate

<p>Positive choices with learning</p>	<p>Your timetable will reflect a normal school timetable with a broad variety of subjects. However, your year group will form a 'bubble' and you will learn from designated classrooms. Breaktimes and lunchtimes are also staggered and will take place in designated spaces. You will be asked to sit in a seating plan for all your sessions and a one way system will guide you around the site. Show My Homework / Satchel will continue to be the platform for subjects to set homework and we encourage parents/carers to regularly log on to this to support progress. More information will be shared with you by your form tutor on your first day, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions. There will also be signs on display to support your safe movement around school.</p>
<p>Positive choices with attendance and punctuality</p>	<p>We are really looking forward to seeing you in school. Registration will start promptly at 8.40am for all year groups. The school site will be open from 8.15am for early drop-offs, there will be staff available to guide you to your designated hygiene station, school entrance and areas to wait before registration. The Year 8 entry point and hygiene station are at the side of D block student main entrance.</p> <p>We have staggered the end of the day to allow for safe movement off site. Year 8 lessons will finish at 3.10pm Mon/Weds/Thurs/Fri and 2.10pm on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Attendance and punctuality monitoring will continue as normal with 5-minute movement between lessons.</p> <p>If you, your parents or any member of your family display any of the symptoms below – then you must not come to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever/high temperature, a persistent dry cough or loss of taste and sense of smell <p>Parents should email attendance@bishopschester.co.uk and arrange for a Coronavirus test.</p>

We treat all members of our community with **respect**

<p>Positive choices with social distancing</p>	<p>As we welcome more students and staff on-site, we have had to ensure that the school is a safe place for all members of our community. Your teachers will give clear guidance about these new working arrangements. There are also signs to guide social distancing on entry to buildings and toilets. You will be guided and supervised by staff throughout the day. But we ask that at all times you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remain at least two metres away from adults, where practicable. Where not practicable, you are expected to maintain as much distance between yourself and others as possible. • Remain within your assigned group 'bubble'. • In the classroom, you must always sit in the same place following the seating plan. • Refrain from close contact with people who display symptoms of coronavirus.
<p>Respect recreational time</p>	<p>Breaktimes and lunchtimes are staggered to support safe recreational time for all. We want you to enjoy the outdoor space have a social distanced catch up with others. You must remain in your designated areas during these times and not mix with other year groups. Electronic devices are permitted at breaktime and lunchtime. They are not permitted during learning time. Please dispose of any rubbish in the bins provided.</p>
<p>Respect our community</p>	<p>Travel to and from school will have an impact on our local community.</p> <p><u>Travel by car</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your parent/carers is dropping you off please consider being dropped off/collected at Christleton Road or Bachelor's Lane to avoid congestion around the car park. <p><u>By bus</u></p> <p>If you are travelling by bus Cheshire West and Chester have said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser will be available for use before boarding • You must travel with a valid bus pass/ticket and face covering must be worn to board. (You must remove your face covering before entering the school building at your designated hygiene station) • You must not board the vehicle if you are displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19. • You must follow any instruction from the driver to sit in a specific seat. <p><u>Walking and cycling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are designated year group spaces for bike storage. Students will be guided to these on their first day. • If walking or cycling, we would ask that students observe distancing measures.