



BEDSTONE COLLEGE - COVID-19 - Control, safety & prevention measures

The intention is for Bedstone College to re-open to a handful of children on 1 June.

When Bedstone does open to children the following control, safety and precaution measures will be implemented:

- Pupils and staff with corona virus symptoms, or those who live in households where someone has corona virus symptoms will not be allowed in school. If someone arrives in school with symptoms, or develops symptoms whilst in school, they will be asked to go home immediately. For pupil parents will be contacted and must pick the child up immediately.
- Pupils and staff will be allowed to attend school in comfortable (easily washable) clothing. PE kits may be worn. Pupils will need to do PE in their "day" clothes as changing facilities will not be accessible. It is advised that clothes are changed/washed each day.
- The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will be emphasised, with posters around school reminding and encouraging good hygiene.
- Pupils and staff will be encouraged to clean their hands more often than usual.
- Pupils and staff will be required to sanitise their hands before and after every lesson. Extra sanitizer stations have been placed around school and at the entrance to every building.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned as required throughout the day using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- Classrooms will be extensively cleaned every evening and more frequently if deemed necessary.
- Government advice does not require taking children's temperature's each morning. However, as a precautionary measure, this will be done as children arrive. If a child's temperature is elevated they will be isolated and a second temperature taken 20 minutes later. Parents will be informed and asked to collect their child immediately if the temperature remains elevated.
- 2m markers will be placed around school to indicate the recommended social distancing. Passing within 2m for a brief spell is low risk (particularly if face-to-face interaction is avoided). Activities that require people to be within 2m for any length of time will be avoided.
- Classes will be restricted to a maximum of 10 pupils to ensure they sit at desks 2m apart.
- In the first phase of the JS re-opening we anticipate a maximum class size of 8. There will be two classes ("bubbles"). Junior 1 & 2 will be downstairs and Junior 3 & 4 upstairs. Their classes have been adapted to enable them to follow the same on-line classes as children not in school (as far as is practicably possible).
- Where necessary and practical, one-way systems will be enforced. If no one-way system is in place everyone will walk on the left.
- Break times will be staggered with extra staff on duty patrolling the school to monitor social distancing of pupils. The younger pupils will take a break at 10:30, the older pupils will take their break at 11:10.
- There will be no sporting fixtures against other schools. Pupils will still have PE, but it will be adapted to comply with safe social distancing advice.
- Lunch times will be staggered, with seating areas and tables disinfected between sittings. Pupils will decide what they want for lunch before 10am and their choice will be plated ready for collection at the allotted time. A one-way system will be in place. Pupils will queue 2m apart and the dining room will be reconfigured to ensure pupils eating their meals will be able to eat at a safe distance from those around them. The younger pupils will take lunch at



12:15, the older pupils will take their lunch at 12:30. Staff will be able to take their lunch to a suitable alternative place to eat if required.

- Classrooms will be ventilated (windows open) if weather permits. Lessons will be taken outside if appropriate and weather permits.
- Resources transferred between home and school should be kept to a minimum (ideally eliminated). Pupils will not be allowed to share resources. Each pupil will be issued with a named school tablet (which will be sanitized at the start/end of each day). Homework will either be electronically set or designed so that it does not require resources being transferred between school and home.
- School buses will not run. Pupils will be expected to be dropped off and picked up by parents or guardians. Only one parent to drop off and pick up. In the morning, parents are requested not to enter the building. A member of staff will be waiting at the entrance to the Junior School to meet the children, take temperatures and sanitise hands. At the end of the day parents must wait in their cars until the children are brought to the car park.
- The school day will start at approximately 9:00 and finish at approximately 3:40. No activities will run. The start and finish times for the day will be staggered to reduce the number of children in the car park at any one time. Parents are asked to arrive as close to these times as is practicably possible.
- If a case of corona virus is reported amongst someone within Bedstone College's community all parents and staff will be informed. Government guidelines will be followed and the Head will risk assess whether there is a need to close the school for 2 weeks or whether the threat to the community had been contained sufficiently to maintain normal procedures.
- A short video for pupils showing the precautions that have been set up is available here: <https://youtu.be/g9ZhPc5ze4c>
- On pupils first return to school they will be given a "walk through" of routines, good hygiene, where to go at break and playtimes, what to do in the event of a fire alarm, who to turn to if unwell (with a demonstration of someone wearing PPE to treat them). They will be reminded regularly by class teachers and posters will be placed around school as an aide memoire.

Pupils and staff in all settings are now eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their households.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and pupils who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid



investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Bedstone College will follow government advice for dealing with someone exhibiting symptoms in school.

Government Advice on dealing with someone exhibiting symptoms in school

“If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

Bedstone College’s approach to PPE

The wearing of face protection and/or PPE is also not advised in a school setting. “Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others.”

This document will be updated as required.