



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## RE: YEAR 7 START OF TERM – SEPTEMBER 2020

In order to allow boys to familiarise themselves with the new working systems put in place in response to Government Guidelines, the school will be implementing a staggered start to the academic year. There will be a maximum of 2 year groups in school at any one time during the first week:

Day	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 1 September	12
Wednesday 2 September	7 & 9
Thursday 3 September	8 & 10
Friday 4 September	11 & 13

The whole school will return on Monday 7 September for the new start time of 9.30am.

Your son's first day at BWS will be **Wednesday 2 September**. The day will begin at 9.30am and end at 3:50pm. Your son should come to school in full school uniform and bring all his stationery equipment.

Your son should use the Exeter Street Gate to enter the school site and use the hand sanitiser stationed at the gate, as per guidelines sent out by the Head Master. Your son will be greeted by a member of the Lower School Pastoral Team and directed to line up on the E block yard, observing social distancing as much as possible. Your son will then head off to his tutor room where he will meet his tutor and the rest of his tutor group.

Each tutor will begin the day by welcoming the boys to BWS and explaining the health and safety procedures in place at school. Your son will then spend the day getting to know his tutor group and carrying out a number of induction activities, including: receiving his padlock for his locker, having his photograph taken and registering onto the biometric cashless catering system (hygiene arrangements will be in place and disinfectant will be provided). Although the biometric cashless catering system will not be used for the first few months of the year, it may be reinstated at a later point. The day will end with an assembly in the Sports Hall. The year group will be appropriately distanced throughout the assembly.

In order to comply with social distancing rules in the Dining Hall, we are introducing a new system for ordering lunches. Details are still being developed and you will receive information about how it will operate in the near future. In the meantime, we ask you to plan on providing a packed lunch on this first day. Please be aware that nuts or food items that contain nuts are not allowed on the school site. Your son should also bring a **named** water bottle to drink from, as water fountains are not expected to be in use due to Government Guidelines. All pupils will need to sanitise their hands on entering the Dining Hall.

Your son will receive details of his timetable on his first day and this will show you when he is due to have Games/PE the following week. Everyone with Games/PE that day should arrive already changed in their kit. The amount of changing is to be kept to a minimum but boys will need to get changed into their full uniform after they have Games/PE during periods 1-6. Therefore, only one bag should be brought to school **unless** your son is due to have Games/PE during periods 1-6. Your son will leave school in his kit if he has Games/PE at the end of the day.

Please make sure you have read the guidance here <https://tinyurl.com/bwsopening> with your son, as it gives important further information about the structure and format of the school day, as well as the supplies he needs to bring with him which can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/bwsmaterials>. A copy of this letter will be posted on the website for your reference.

I look forward to welcoming your son to Bishops on Wednesday 2 September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Brown', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Brown  
**Head of Lower School**