



SCOTLAND'S
BOARDING SCHOOLS

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Guiding principles for returning to education

Scotland is a safe, secure and welcoming country with an educational heritage that welcomes boarders from across the UK and from over 60 countries from around the world. Our schools have shared the challenges of the COVID-19 outbreak and are ready to re-open to Scotland and the world. Scotland is an outstanding place to enjoy boarding school life - with open spaces, lower population density and excellent healthcare. Students at Scotland's Boarding Schools are part of a secure and supportive community - their physical health, mental wellbeing and educational development is our primary, shared duty.

[Scotland's Boarding Schools](#) have worked together to ensure a consistent approach to pupil and staff safety, the best possible education opportunities and superb pastoral care. We are currently developing a sector wide response which will set out in detail how we will implement the guidelines for reopening from the Scottish Government and Health Protection Scotland.¹ Each school will then implement these guidelines in keeping with its individual circumstances.

The national guidelines cover all aspects of the return to school:

- School capacity and circulation;
- Infection and transmission control – distancing, layout, circulation, timetabling etc.;
- Hygiene, health and safety;
- Transport;
- Digital learning;
- Boarding accommodation;
- Sports, arts and extra-curricular.

All schools will:

- Take full account of all national scientific and medical advice;
- Consider the wellbeing of all pupils and staff in risk assessments of individual facilities, including examples of good practice;
- Work collegially with partners in other schools - independent and state;
- Observe common codes on term times, recruitment, enrolment, etc.;

and will implement measures with a view to easing them as soon as it is safe to do so. We will share the Scottish Boarding Schools Policy with parents early in June once the Scottish Government detailed plans have been published. With open spaces, lower population density and excellent healthcare, Scotland remains an outstanding place to enjoy boarding school life.

¹ All key guidance - <http://www.scis.org.uk/about-scis/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools/>