



Safely Managing Adult Presence at PE Fixtures

For Bishop Stopford Parents

We know how important it is to be engaged with your child's education and watching your child participate in PE fixtures is just one way that parents and wider family can support, encourage and share in these important moments of school life.

This process outlines how we enable this to happen safely, balancing the practicalities of parents watching with the safeguarding responsibilities we have for all. There are students on site until 5pm, participating in extracurricular activities. This means we need to manage all adults on site, including those who are coming to see their own children in one of these activities.

The process is as follows:

- Parents are allowed to spectate at **after school fixtures only**.
- All parents coming to spectate at fixtures must report to Reception and sign in with a form of identification.
- If you are recorded on our system as a named contact for your child, you will sign in, be given a lanyard and be able to go directly to the venue to watch the fixture.
- At the end of the fixture, you must return to Reception to sign out and give in your lanyard.
- As with all sporting support, we welcome encouragement and cheering for all players, in line with the expectations of our students.

If you have wider family who would like to watch fixtures regularly, please contact us to share their details and make them additional contacts for your child on our system.

A wider circle of friends or members of clubs outside school will not be able to watch fixtures. While we appreciate that this will be disappointing for some, it's an important part of assuring effective safeguarding.

Parents of students at other schools

If parents are acting *in support of staff members* by bringing students and supervising them *on behalf of the visiting school*, they should sign in at reception with the school staff. Parents will need to remain with visiting school staff throughout the fixture and must sign out when they leave.

Unfortunately, we cannot facilitate parents of students at other schools spectating at Bishop Stopford School if they are not a named adult supporting the fixture.

Our site, unlike others in the local area, does not have a separate entrance to the sports facilities, nor can staff from that school supervise during the fixture. We recognise that this may be disappointing, but these arrangements are in place to safeguard all students within the school.

