



Information for teachers

Edinburgh International Book Festival

Baillie Gifford Schools Programme

19-27 August 2019

Charlotte Square Gardens & George Street, Edinburgh

We hope that you and your class enjoy your visit to this year's Book Festival. On this page you can find some extra information about what you can expect.

Arriving at the Book Festival

It's best to arrive around 20 minutes before your event is due to start.

If travelling by coach, please ensure that the driver is aware of the designated drop-off point on the north side of Charlotte Square. A Road Crossing Assistant will be available to help your group across the road.

Maps and risk assessment documentation should have been sent to you by email with this document, but they're also available on our [Learning Site](#).

You will be greeted on arrival by our Front of House team who will check in your group and direct you to the relevant venue for your event. They will also give you the Baillie Gifford Book Vouchers for the pupils in your group (see overleaf for details).





Events and Book Signings

Book Festival events are hour long talks, discussions or activities led by an author or illustrator.

After most events, the authors are available for book signings, which are a great way for pupils to meet authors face-to-face, ask questions and perhaps take photographs.

Pupils often cite these moments as the most valuable part of their visit, so do try to allow extra time for this opportunity. Pupils can bring books from home to be signed as well as new purchases (but authors cannot sign scraps of paper - or body parts!).

Signings, including those on Baillie Gifford Gala Day (27 August 2019), will wither take place in the Signing Tent, the Garden Bookshop or the Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab. Be sure to listen out for directions after your event.

Eating and drinking

You are welcome to bring packed lunches and have a picnic in Charlotte Square Gardens. We also have cafés on site which sell sandwiches, snacks, drinks and ice cream.

Please note that we are not able to guarantee a sheltered space to eat your lunch should the weather be inclement.

