

COVID PROCEDURES & SOCIAL DISTANCING

What is social distancing?

Social distancing requires everyone - children and adults - to stay six feet (two metres) apart at all times. If you can reach out to touch someone, you are too close. Depending on government restrictions and guidelines this may change.

Outdoor protocol for Children attending!

- The maximum number of children per club will be 16.
- Do not have children sitting next to each other – they must have at least one/two spaces between them. Children will sit on stumps when sat under the chute.
- Do not sit children in close groups.
- Children to have their own set of equipment for the activities to avoid sharing, where possible. If this is not possible the equipment will be wiped down prior to passing it on with antibacterial spray.
- Children are not to bring belongings into the main activity space.
- Stagger the use of cloakrooms and bag storage spaces – do not have more than 2 children in the space at one time.
- Obviously, handwashing remains vital yet do not line children up to wash their hands and do not have children standing in groups to wash their hands. Stagger the children: One at the sink whilst a child stands back to lather up soap. There are three hand wash areas and one main hand washing station.
- Do not keep water bottles all together in the same place. Allow children to have their water bottles with them or keep distance between bottles
- There must be no physical contact between the children and between the children and adults. No hugging, hand holding etc. As this is hard to manage, especially with younger ones, if physical contact takes place, wash hands immediately after and remind the children.
- No lining up at any time in close proximity. If children need to be organised in a line, they must be at least 2 metres between each other.
- When children go to the toilet, they must not go in if there is already a child in there.
- Children should ask permission to go to the toilet.

Start and end of the service:

Staggered drop off – you will be allocated drop off times so children can enter into our care in small groups

Only one parent to drop off and register their child

On arrival a covid-19 declaration will need to be completed and your child's temperature will be scanned and recorded.

Handover at the end of the day:

In all waiting areas, parents to remain near the reception cabin by the car park and stand at safe distances apart from each other.

Children to dismiss as usual, ensuring there are large gaps between children.

Parents will wait to collect so that a safe handover can occur.

Activities

- During the activities all children will be monitored to ensure that social distancing rules are complied with.
- Although it may be hard to manage, all activities have been designed to minimise close contact.
- If children want to chat during activities, they can stand apart from each other or can sit at stumps but not opposite from each other – sit side by side to increase space between them. Ensuring the 2 metre distance at all times!

Lunchtimes:

- Children can collect their lunch bags from the cloakroom one at a time – line up with arm reach gap.
- Children must bring their own food and drink in a packed lunch.
- Children must bring with them a sealable bin bag and take away their rubbish with them, there will be no waste facilities on site

Staff

- In the staff areas, do not sit or stand in close proximity – follow guidance of 2m distance.
- You may wish to use your own mug/flask which you wash immediately after use.
- All staff should bring a packed lunch with them and take their rubbish home with them
- Don't enter communal toilets area at the same time.
- All staff will have their temperatures scanned and recorded on entry.

- Wash hands on arrival and departure of building as well as throughout the day at key times.
- Have anti-bacterial wipes/cleaning products and hand sanitizer available at all times
- Leave doors hooked open so that children and adults are not continually touching them and can move freely through them.
- If meetings are required (such as briefings), ensure sufficient space is kept between each other.
- If any discussions can be done by phone, instead of face to face, do so.
- If parents and staff wish to discuss anything, this should be done by phone.
- Although we want to support each other as always, refrain from physical contact such as hugging or hand shaking etc.
- Latex gloves & facemask are available onsite

Reminder from www.gov.co.uk

There are general principles you can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands more often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitiser when you get home or into work, when you blow your nose, sneeze or cough, eat or handle food
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin and wash your hands
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home

If you have a continuous cough and/or fever, do not come to the woodland and contact a member of the Pathfinder team as soon as possible

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