

Covid-19 Guidelines for Outdoor Provision

The risk of transmission of Covid-19 is considered to be lower outdoors, despite this we will also put in place controls to minimise this risk. We have introduced specific protective measures that will enable us to run a safer outdoor provision during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

System of controls and prevention

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, or who have been advised by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate do not attend Fox Wood
2. Keep records of which children, adults and staff are in which groups and save this information securely for at least 21 days
3. Bookings and payment will be taken online
4. In line with government guidance for businesses and venues following COVID-19 secure guidelines, we will cap our group size at 30, including staff numbers
5. Provide multiple hand washing stations to allow for more frequent than usual hand washing following government guidelines
6. Provide hand sanitiser in multiple locations
7. Clean frequently touched surfaces more often than usual, using detergent or bleach (e.g. loos, handrails and gates)
8. Ask families to bring cloth towels for individual use. We will also have a small number of individual use towels available
9. Ensure toilets are cleaned regularly each day and in particular, between use by different groups. Cleaning products will be available in each cubicle to keep door handles clean between use. (Adult use only)

10. The large amount of space we can provide will minimise the need for contact and ensure areas do not become overcrowded - each play area is to be used by small groups of six
11. Cleaning detergent and cloths will be provided at each play area to allow for adults to wipe equipment before and their child uses it. Resources will be cleaned frequently, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics)
12. Where necessary we will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for example if first aid needs to be administered
13. Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings when children are participating in out-of-school settings, particularly for outdoor activities. Face coverings can be worn but will not be compulsory
14. Sharing food and drink has always been an important part of forest school, however we will temporarily stop doing so in order to minimise the of risk of spreading coronavirus. We will be exploring safe ways to reintroduce this, once we have been up and running for a few weeks

Response to any infection

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the out-of-school settings community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice