

COVID-19: FAQ'S FOR RETURNING TO CLASS SAFELY

The health and wellbeing of our families and staff have always been a priority, and given the current climate, this is now more important than ever. Although classes will not be quite the same as our students are used to, our SA team have been working hard and planning to ensure they continue to have a jam-packed and enjoyable time in the studio, whilst also ensuring we comply with the most up-to-date legislation and guidelines.

WHAT PROCEDURES ARE PUT IN PLACE TO ENSURE MY CHILDS SAFETY AT SA?

-  REDUCED CLASS SIZES
-  SOCIAL-DISTANCED ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING
-  HYGEINE AND COVID-19 SIGNAGE VISABLE THROUGHOUT THE CENTRE
-  ENHANCED CLEANING ROUTINES
-  HYGEINE STATIONS
-  ISOLATION PROCEDURE FOR ANYONE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS ON SITE
-  PPE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF IF NEEDED

HOW WILL YOU SAFELY OBSERVE STUDENTS WHILST AT THE CENTRE?

We will be following the same settings as schools, whereby classes will be smaller and will not mix. The smaller group size will ensure that social distancing can be observed more easily. All activities have been created to ensure social distancing can be maintained. We will remind children of the need to social distance during their morning greeting and will continue to remind them throughout the day. We do ask, however, that you ensure you explain and ensure your children understand social distancing before they come to class. Social distancing must also be observed at the welcome point during arrival and collection and we ask that parents help us by complying with this.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CLASS?

To avoid cross-contamination, where possible children should only bring necessary equipment, food and drinks. To minimise the number of personal belongings at the venue, outdoor wear and personal belongings should be left at home or with their parent/ guardian. Any shared equipment will be thoroughly wiped down and cleaned.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY CHILD NEEDS THE TOILET?

A designated toilet will be identified for each group to use so that groups are not crossing over. Students will go to the toilet in restricted numbers. Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

WILL TEACHERS OR CHILDREN BE ABLE TO MIX GROUPS?

Groups (bubbles) will consist of a small number of students and teachers, as per Government guidance. Once in groups, there will be no mixing with another group. These bubbles will prevent cross-contamination and ensure that if anyone presents symptoms, "track and trace" is easily implemented.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL AND NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION?

Your child will receive the best care and attention and will be treated by our on-site first aiders. First aiders will wear PPE (disposable gloves and mask) when treating your child to protect both your child and the first aider, as they may be coming into close contact. Following our standard policies on accidents and injuries, each accident will be recorded and reported to you.

OVERVIEW:**Group sizes:**

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Socially distanced activities:

As per government guidance, students will remain a safe, recommended distance apart at all times. Teachers and staff will not come into direct contact with students unless in the event of an accident whereby PPE will be worn, and the correct safety measures will be carried out.

Hygiene:

There will be hand sanitiser available at their designated entrance/ exit and at stations throughout the Centre; we ask that children use this on arrival, after each activity and before and after eating. They should wash their hands when possible especially after sneezing or coughing and after going to the toilet. Staff will reinforce the "catch it, bin it, kill it" message throughout the day.

PPE:

Due to the nature of the tasks, students and staff are not required to wear PPE unless they feel it personally necessary. PPE will be worn when dealing directly with students in the unlikely event of an accident or if they become unwell

Cleaning routines:

The venue will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day. In between classes, any shared equipment will be wiped down and sanitised to ensure it is safe for the next student to use. Toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.

Symptom checks:

We ask that parents do not bring students to the Centre if they are generally unwell, but especially if displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.

Break and lunch times (where applicable):

Each group will eat separately in a designated area. Groups will be supervised by an SA member of staff. Students should bring packets and containers they can open and eat unaided.

Sign-in, booking and payments:

All spaces are required to be booked and paid prior to class by email or phone. We ask that students are dropped off and collected outside the Centre at a specific, pre-arranged door. Please phone or email at any time if you require to speak to a member of staff –

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