



Covid-19 Guidance for Parents

Summary

At Fizz Pop Science we are very aware that the safety of our activity attendees, our staff, and all persons involved in any activities is paramount, whether that be protection from chemicals, fire safety, or simply protection from paint on clothes, we always aim to minimise dangers and prevent issues. With the current Covid-19 Pandemic this is no different. In response to this we have put in place multiple policies to protect our session attendees, staff, and parents whilst keeping the sessions as relatively “normal” as possible to help children enjoy their summer holidays and science club experience. This document is a basic outline of these policies and lays out what we need to ask of you as parents to help us achieve this.

Scientific advice suggests that there is a moderate to high degree of confidence that the susceptibility to clinical disease of younger children (up to age 11 to 13) is lower than for adults. However, it remains important that protective measures are put in place to help reduce the risk of transmission. – Gov.UK website – Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Our Safety Measures

To help to minimise the risk of passing on Covid-19 the following have been added in addition/to replace existing Summer Club policies:

- Extra handwashing and use of hand sanitiser will take place throughout the day including but not limited to:
 - Before and after all mealtimes/snack breaks
 - Before activities where children will be working in groups handling multiple pieces of equipment
 - Before use of personal drink cups during activities
 - On arrival and departure of the venue
- Hand sanitiser will available at all points of the day
- Extra cleaning with child safe antibacterial and antiviral cleaner of “hot spots” will take place throughout the day
- Any equipment that will be used repeatedly across the 3 days will be sanitised at the end of the day
- Tables and chairs (where possible) will be cleaned at the end of the day (either by ourselves or venue staff/volunteers depending on the agreement with the venue)
- Children will be split into workgroups at the beginning of the day (ideally these will stay the same throughout the 3 days if your child is attending all 3) and each group will be allocated a pot of pens, pencils, etc.
- Mealtimes will take place outside where possible with social distance spacing between household groups
- Toilet use will be 1 at a time due to the size of the rooms
- Certain doors within the venue will be kept open to minimise touching of those surfaces however outside doors will always remain closed but unlocked for the safety of the children



- All venues we are attending have been advised they can have groups of up to 30 within them which, as our numbers are capped at below 20, means we have plenty of space to spread out in
- The same two instructors will attend all 3 science sessions where possible
- Children and instructors **are not** required to wear face coverings or gloves to attend the sessions
- Any activities that can take place outside will and when we are inside the venue windows will be open to allow as much airflow as possible throughout the day

What We Ask of You

- Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, such as a raised temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, should not attend an out-of-school setting and should follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).
- At collection and drop off of your child to the session please wait outside the venue entrance for your child to be collected/brought to you by a member of Fizz Pop Science staff. Whilst waiting please maintain social distancing with other parents.
- Please provide your child with lunch, a couple of snacks, and a drink in named containers, usually we would provide squash & water jugs and card cups that the children decorate so they know which is theirs however this year we have decided we will be unable to do this to minimise contact however we will happily refill your child's water bottle from the tap as regularly as they require.
- Upon signing your child up to the sessions, you should have provided us with your name, a contact number, and an email address. These details will be held for the recommended length of time for NHS Track & Trace purposes.
- Please speak with your child before they attend the sessions about proper handwashing techniques – though we're sure by now they are experts! – and answer any questions they may have about the sessions; they may be subconsciously nervous having not been able to attend school/regular clubs/etc for a long time. Try to make sure they don't feel under pressure however, we are striving to keep the sessions as fun and "normal" as possible, thank you for your help with this!

In Conclusion

We hope this document answers any questions you may have in regards to our Covid-19 response but if you have any further queries or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at the sessions!

Best wishes,

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