



Covid-19 Secure Statement

Summer Holiday Activities at Fern Street Family Centre

During the summer holidays we are offering some group activities for children, however because Covid-19 safety precautions reduces the number of children we can welcome into our activities, most of these groups will be by invitation only. If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please email fernstreet@allhallowsbow.org.uk

At Fern Street Family Centre, we are committed to keeping you, your family and our team safe by doing all we can to prevent transmission of Covid-19. The steps we are taking during holiday activities are based on current government advice which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

We are taking the following steps to keep us all safe:

- Keeping children in the same groups or 'bubbles' wherever possible and avoiding mixing of children and group leaders in the bubbles.
- Smaller group sizes – with a maximum of 15 children in a 'bubble' and at least 2 group leaders for each bubble.
- Doing activities outside wherever possible
- Asking parents to socially distance 2 metres apart at pick-up and drop-off times
- No parents or siblings allowed into the building at pick-up and drop-off times
- More frequent handwashing by everyone including children. We will provide hand sanitiser for children to sanitize their hands at the start and end of each session as a minimum.
- Equipment will be cleaned between use by different groups or quarantined for minimum of 72 hours.
- More frequent cleaning of surfaces, equipment and toys.
- Keeping records of all attending with up-to-date contact details so that if any child tests positive, all those in the bubble can be quickly and easily contacted by NHS Test and Trace and asked to self-isolate.
- Any child who shows symptoms of cough/fever during a session will immediately be taken to a designated area where the child can be kept safe and separate from others and the parent/carer contacted to collect them immediately. Team members developing symptoms will be asked to go home immediately.

- All children/group leader are requested NOT to come to sessions if they have Covid-19 symptoms but to self-isolate at home, inform their bubble leader and book a test.
- If a child/group leader tests positive for Covid-19, the parents of all children in the bubble will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and their household asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If requested we will provide contact numbers to NHS test and trace to enable this.

Parent/Carers, please help us by taking the following steps:

- Do NOT bring your child to activities if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19 such as a persistent cough or high temperature
- Keep a 2 metre distance from others when picking up or dropping off your child for their activity.
- Please ask your child to use the toilet at home before their session.
- If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and book a test by calling 119 or online NHS.uk. Please also call us to let us know.
- If your child becomes unwell whilst at our session, we will call you to collect them immediately. They will be kept safe and separate from others whilst they are waiting for you to collect them.
- Be aware that we will pass your contact details to NHS Test and Trace if necessary so that they can contact you if someone in your child's bubble tests positive for Covid-19. We will ask you to sign a form agreeing to this and to following these guidelines before you child can take part in our activities.

What we will do if someone develops symptoms:

If anyone becomes unwell or develops any [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 during activities with us they will be sent home and advised to follow the government's [staying at home guidance](#).

Children will be moved if possible and if appropriate, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door and parents/carers contacted immediately to collect them. We will make sure that children are safe and supervised during this time and a window will be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, we will move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. The area will be deep cleaned once the child has been collected. Staff will wear PPE (gloves and mask) if it is not possible to keep a 2metre distance during this time – for example if a child is young or because of their additional needs.

If a child needs to go to the toilet while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

Unwell individuals should go straight home. They should not visit the GP, pharmacy, A&E or a hospital. If they need medical advice or help they or their parent/carer should call 111 or go online to NHS111.uk or in an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

If a team member has helped someone who was taken unwell COVID-19 symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell and remove and dispose of their PPE, if they have

In most cases, closure of the centre and other holiday activities will not be needed will take advice from Public Health England or others in order to make this decision, based on the individual situation.

Information for the public can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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