



Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – The new Government “roadmap”

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all well and thank you for your patience while we process the latest Government updates and what that means for ArtShed. As you will all be aware the new Government ‘roadmap’ set out on Mon 22nd Feb 2021 puts in place some key dates for easing of restrictions relating to Covid. We therefore want to update you as to what we think this means for ArtShed activities going forward.

Please note that our activities continue to be subject to any further changes or updates by the Government and, where applicable, subject to schools’ own policies.

ArtShed activities going forward:

1. **Holiday Camps**

From 29th March 2021 we are able to offer our activities where they provide childcare for parents to enable them, among other things, to work or seek work. This means **our Easter Camps can go ahead** albeit with the same restricted model we had in place for our Summer and October camps.

As soon as we have confirmed venues and staffing, we will be opening up online bookings for these.

2. **After-school Classes**

From 12th April 2021 (the start of the Summer Term) it is the Government’s intention “for out-of-school settings and wraparound childcare providers to be able offer provision as normal, to all children.” This means that **our after-school classes can run in the Summer Term** but may still require our Covid-secure measures to remain in place.

Again, as soon as we have confirmed classes with the schools and our staffing, we will be opening up bookings for these.

3. **Parties**

Our parties can be booked from 12th April 2021 - we will be opening up the booking system for these immediately. Our parties will continue to operate with the restrictions to numbers that we currently have in place.

4. **Adult Art Classes**

These will continue online, via Zoom, but it is our expectation that classes can resume as normal from 17th May 2021 as part of the Government’s further easing of restrictions at Step 3 of its roadmap.

5. **ArtShed Takeaway & Online Classes**

We will continue to develop our ArtShed Takeaway products and make them available on our website. We are currently running a short series of Zoom after-school art classes and continue to explore the possibilities with these online classes.

From 17th May 2021 it is the Government’s intention, as part of Step 3 of its roadmap, to allow most activities to return to normal, albeit with continuing limits on social interaction.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support – it has been much appreciated and it really has seen us through this difficult time. We know where bookings have been cancelled since last Easter that we still hold credit on account for you and this is available for any new bookings you now make. If you don’t plan to rebook, we can refund the credit – just let us know.

ArtShed

1st March 2021