



Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – Step 4 Lifting of Restrictions

Dear Parents,

We want to provide what we hope is a final update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it affects our activities at ArtShed. Since 19th July 2021 most restrictions relating to managing the virus have been lifted and this means that ArtShed can resume all its activities without restriction. However, with the pandemic still at large we will be continuing to proceed with caution and stay up to date with Government advice.

We also want to thank you all – our customers – for your patience over this last year and your support when we've really needed it. It has not been easy for anyone, so we are grateful to come out the other side and be able to continue to offer our art activities.

As an "out-of-school setting" we will be following the Government advice set out in the document "COVID-19: Actions for out-of-school settings". This can be read here: <https://bit.ly/3D8JIIC>

In particular, we will:

- No longer be limiting group sizes to 15 children or operating "bubbles" to control the spread of COVID-19. Please note, we may limit group sizes for other practical reasons!
- No longer require face-coverings at any of our activities.
- Continue to carry out risk assessments for the venues we operate in, and these will include how cases of COVID-19 are to be managed
- Continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Continue to maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents
- Continue to keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Where we operate in schools, we will be following the individual school's own guidance and practices too.

Above all else, we ask that no-one (child or adult) attend our settings who has:

- **Symptoms of COVID-19 (however mild).**
- **A positive test for COVID-19.**
- **Been required to quarantine or stay at home.**

Instead, they should follow public health advice on testing and self-isolation.

Once again thank you and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming year.

Best wishes,

Rupert & Kathy Evershed

ArtShed!

20th August 2021