



## **Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update following the Government's announcement of a second lockdown starting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Dear Parents,

Following the Government's announcement of a second lockdown starting this Thursday we wanted to update as to how we think this will affect ArtShed activities. As you know we have been running limited after-school classes, holiday camps and parties with Covid-secure practices in place.

We have spoken to the Department for Education and there is no specific guidance available yet for 'out of school settings' such as ourselves. We have therefore had to make some decisions about our activities going forward from this Thursday and these of course are subject to review pending further guidance and clarity from the Government or specific advice from the schools we operate in.

Our decisions are as follows:

### **1. After-school Classes**

We are currently running classes in the ArtShed and after-school classes in two schools. These classes will continue as planned as the Government is encouraging educational and childcare settings to stay open.

### **2. Adult Art Classes**

Our Adult Art Classes will also continue to run as they have been but we will be asking attendees to wear face coverings.

### **3. Holiday Camps**

Our next holiday camps will not be until Feb 2021 so we hope by then there will be fewer restrictions!!

### **4. Parties**

We will be cancelling or postponing any parties that are already booked in for the lockdown period and not taking any more bookings for that period. We will of course try to rearrange these on another date outside the lockdown period if at all possible. Failing that, the party deposit payments already made for the lockdown period will be refunded.

Of course, any activities that we run will continue to operate with our Covid-secure procedures in place. These are under constant review and will be re-emphasized to everyone involved.

**We also want to ask you to be extra vigilant as well with any suspected Covid-19 symptoms either in yourself or those you are in close contact with.**

Once again, thank you for your patience and support in these difficult and, it seems, increasingly uncertain times!

Keep safe over the next month.

**ArtShed**

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