



5th June 2020

Re: The Coronavirus Situation

Dear All,

We hope you and your families are keeping well and safe during these difficult times and wanted to update in anticipation of further changes to lockdown restrictions.

Like everyone else we are awaiting further Government instruction on when we might be able to run some or all of our activities. As you will be aware certain eligible year groups are beginning to go back to school, albeit in a limited manner, however it still remains to be seen whether all year groups will be able to return before September.

These restrictions mean that we cannot currently run any after school clubs or holiday camps and the specific instruction from the Government is as follows:

1.13 Can I send my child to supplementary schools / community activities or private tuition instead?

No.

Apart from those children who are eligible to return to attend early years and school, it remains the case that you should keep your child at home to limit the chance of the virus spreading. You should not use any in-person supplementary schools, community activities or after school clubs or tuition. We are expecting these settings to remain closed for the time being.

(What parents and carers need to know about schools, colleges and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak" updated on 2nd June 2020)

Weblink:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#wider-opening-of-education-settings>

Having said that, we are planning to run our summer holiday camps in the St Albans area if at all possible and so have been working hard on assessing the risks and developing a mode of operation that would minimize the risks of spreading the virus.

If we are allowed to, our camps would of necessity be limited in numbers and operate strict measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. These would mirror the Government's advice to schools to:

- Avoid contact with those who are unwell or have symptoms
- Wash hands frequently
- Emphasize sneeze-control – "catch it, bin it, kill it"
- Clean contact surfaces frequently
- Minimize contact & mixing, including social distancing

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As soon as we have clarity from the Government about what we can and can't do we will open bookings for our holiday camps.

In the meantime please be assured that we are working hard to prepare for that moment and will continue to develop our ArtShed Takeaway projects to bring some colour and creativity into your homes!

Until we can meet again, stay safe and take care!

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