

Risk Assessment for Resumption of Discoverers Club at Hanney Chapel from 10th June 2021

From 12th April 2021, with the commencement of Step 2 of the Government's COVID-19 response, Out of School Settings have been able to offer provision to all children without restriction on the reasons for attendance provided that they follow the protective measures set out in their Guidance (1). Discoverers is therefore recommencing at Hanney Chapel from 10th June. This Risk Assessment has been compiled using the Government Guidance listed at the end of this assessment including the Guidance for the safe use of places of worship (2) and the National Youth Agency's: 'Managing youth sector activities & spaces during COVID-19' (3)

The Government recognises the important role out-of-school settings play in providing enriching activities, giving children the opportunity to socialise with others outside their household & promoting their wellbeing.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS	WHO IS AT RISK?	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE RISK	COMPLETED?	FURTHER ACTIONS
Getting or spreading the Covid-19 virus through exhaled droplets or contact with contaminated surfaces	<p>Children (Primary aged children are known to be at low risk of getting seriously ill from the virus. A child with the virus who is asymptomatic may spread the virus but is no more likely to spread it than an adult)</p> <p>Parents</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>Users of the building within 72 hours of occupancy</p>	<p>Notify all parties that they are not to attend the club or enter the building if they are exhibiting any of the typical symptoms of Covid-19 i.e. a raised temperature, a new & persistent dry cough, loss of taste or loss of smell, or if they live with someone who is exhibiting these symptoms, or they have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to isolate at home because they are a contact of a case who does not live in the same household.</p>	<p>Hanney Chapel already has notices at the entrance notifying anyone with these symptoms that they should not enter.</p> <p>All leaders to be given the completed Risk Assessment to agree and follow prior to the first meeting.</p> <p>Parents will be sent our requirements for safe operation in advance of the first meeting.</p> <p>The risk assessment will be posted on the Chapel website.</p>	To be reviewed on 21 st June, or when government restrictions and guidance change.
	<p>Parents</p>	<p>Parents will be asked to stay outside the building when dropping their children off and collecting them afterwards. They will be asked not to block the entrance or the gate but to wait at a safe distance from each other and the children from other households. A leader will be stationed</p>	<p>Parents will be sent our requirements for safe operation in advance of the first meeting.</p>	

		outside the building to manage the children's safe entrance into, and exit from, the building. Parents will also be asked to take any unnecessary belongings of their children home with them.	
	Leaders	<p>Currently there are no leaders at Discoverers over 70 years old, or with underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disorders or cancer.</p> <p>The Guidance states that we should minimise the number of different people each child comes into contact with, so we will limit the number of leaders to a fixed group of 5 and not invite guests to assist while restrictions last.</p>	
	All who attend	<p>Good hand hygiene will be encouraged throughout the duration of the club. All who enter and exit the building will use the hand sanitizer at the entrance, with the leader stationed by the entrance ensuring this is done.</p> <p>The children will be reminded to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet. Hand sanitiser will also be available by</p>	Children will be reminded of these requirements regularly.

		<p>the door to the toilet corridor and at another location on the other side of the chapel.</p>		
		<p>Good respiratory hygiene will be encouraged by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. A box of tissues and covered bin will be supplied for this purpose.</p> <p>Current Government Guidance does not require the children to wear face coverings.</p> <p>Singing does not form part of the activities at Discoverers, and shouting and speaking at a loud volume should be avoided.</p>		
		<p>All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned before and after the club, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach. This includes the toilets and any equipment used. If a child with symptoms uses a toilet while waiting to be collected by a parent, the toilet will be cleaned immediately.</p>	<p>The cleaning protocol is outlined in the Chapel Risk Assessment.</p>	
		<p>In order to minimise the opportunity for transmission of the virus the guidelines recommend that the children attending the out-of-school setting are kept in</p>	<p>New children must register in advance to ensure numbers are limited.</p>	

		<p>small consistent groups.</p> <p>Discoverers currently has fewer than 15 children registered and we will cap attendance at 15 until restrictions are lifted. It is recognised that these children will be in different groups at school but because the club has children of a variety of ages from different schools, it is not possible for them to be in the same group as at school.</p> <p>Leaders should socially distance from the children and each other, where possible.</p>		
		<p>Where activities involve running around, windows will be opened to provide ventilation and mitigate against the transmission of the virus</p>	<p>All leaders to be given the completed Risk Assessment to agree and follow prior to the first meeting.</p>	
		<p>Refreshments will be supplied by the club but the food will be individually wrapped and the drinks will be bottled or in cartons.</p>		
		<p>The Government require that the out-of-school setting keep a list of attendees and their contact details for 21 days for the purposes of the NHS Test & Trace, once permission has been</p>	<p>A register with contact details is already a feature of the club.</p>	

		<p>sought. If a child develops symptoms of the Covid-19 virus while at the club they will be moved away from the other children to a well-ventilated room with adult supervision. PPE should be worn by the leader if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained from the child. The parents should be notified to come and collect them & should arrange for a test. If the test is negative then the child should remain at home until they have recovered. If it is positive, NHS Test & Trace will speak directly to those that have been in contact with the child to offer advice.</p>		
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Date of next review: 21st June 2021 (or when government guidance is updated)

[1] Protective measures for out-of-school-settings - <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>

[2] Safe use of places of worship - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

[3] National Youth Agency's 'Managing youth sector activities & spaces during COVID-19 - <https://nya.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/1050-NYA-UPDATE-COVID5.2-final.pdf>