

# make the most of summer



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Great News! We are now taking bookings for the Summer Holidays 2020!

Following the announcement from the Government on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our holiday clubs are going to be open but are likely to look a little different this year as we have to make adaptations to ensure we are Covid safe and aware. First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of the children, parents and staff is our top priority. We are working hard and will be following the latest government guidance to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating but also to create a safe, fun, inspiring and active programme of activities ready for your children whilst focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Some categories of children with specific serious health conditions should not attend the setting. If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

The summer holiday period is usually when we see FISH at its busiest, but with some of our clubs reducing their capacity by 50% it is likely this years Summer clubs will reach capacity quickly. To avoid disappointment, we recommend booking your holiday club spaces as soon as possible and book all the sessions you need using the same "bubble", for example if you are booked into the "blue bubble" and this is full on a day you need, please do not book onto a different colour bubble as, at this stage, we won't be able to accept you into different bubbles. **This is really important.**

We have been following Department of Education's guidelines for educational and childcare settings to ensure that we are following the latest guidance and procedures in order to offer a safe experience for anyone attending our settings – children, parents and staff. Some of the adaptations we are making include:

- Reduced capacity at our clubs
- Children are booked into the same "bubbles" for the duration of the summer holidays
- Keeping our children in small groups "bubbles" (max 15 children) with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting.
- Designated drop off and pick up areas for each bubble, contactless sign-in
- Adapted activities & equipment
- Improved hygiene & cleaning routines
- Staggered lunch & break times
- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Children to come to the club wearing 'all day' protection sun cream
- No Swimming at any of our clubs this year
- No Friday trip day or off site extra activities this Summer



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Bookings can be made via our online bookings system.

We strongly recommend parents only use 1 childcare setting throughout the Summer.

We recommend parents make all of their bookings at the same time and **must** book onto the same colour bubble for the duration of the Summer. Unfortunately, you will not be able to book into different bubbles and will need to make alternative arrangements if you are unable to keep within the same colour bubble.

If children have friends attending the club and wish to be in the same bubble then please liaise together as to which colour bubbles you are using before booking as unfortunately we will not have the ability to move children into different bubbles to be with friends after your booking has been made.

We will be taking a number of different precautions to ensure we are meeting government requirements, most of these are detailed above but we also need to ask you to adhere to the following requirements:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.

If your child, or anyone else in your household develops Coronavirus symptoms which include

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

or has displayed symptoms in the previous 7 days, or lives with someone who has displayed symptoms in the previous 14 days, should not attend the setting unless they have tested negative for coronavirus. If we are concerned about a child within the setting who is presenting with Coronavirus symptoms they will need to be immediately collected.

- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.
- Asking children not to bring toys or other items from home to the setting.
- Ensure that you have updated your emergency contacts on your online account as these may currently include grandparents or those currently shielding. If you do have to make amendments to your online registration form please ensure you print off and bring in a new paper copy on arrival to your next session.
- We realise this could be a worrying or upsetting time for some children so we ask that prior to arriving to the session you provide reassurance to children who will face changed routines and different groups/staff to those they may be familiar with.



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Once we open to more children, all children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff within the setting.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

We reserve the right to make necessary amendments to the above systems we have put in place if the government guidance changes.

Above all, we want children to come to FISH this Summer and have a fantastic time with us, even if it may be different to how things may normally be. We hope to see you this Summer at one of our FISH clubs.

All booking forms are now Live on our website for Summer with the exception of Cranbrook which we hope to have live by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

All the best,

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