

Path Hill Outdoors – Winter 2020/21.

Response to Covid-19

Path Hill Outdoors has been open for our 1:1 students since early May. Despite the cancellation of all our planned school camps and expeditions we have had a highly successful and exciting summer and autumn. Our 1:1 programme will continue throughout the winter alongside some small group and intervention programmes which will adhere to the latest government guidance, our own protocols and take on board the individual requirements of each school or agency involved.

The appropriate social distancing and hygiene practices will continue to be followed and we intend to continue to base all our activities outdoors though we acknowledge that as the weather becomes colder and wetter, we will need to introduce additional measures that ensure our students remain warm and engaged.

We have re-organised our indoor Office space to provide over two metres of space between work stations and limited the number of people working in any one room to a maximum of two. They will be required to wear masks and sit facing away from each other whilst working. Each member of staff has been allocated their own computer, laptop and stationary and general office equipment has been labelled with staff names to ensure that transmission risk is reduced. All shared equipment is sanitised daily.

General rules

- We will observe the two metre social distancing rule at all times indoors (office staff) and outdoors.
- Students and staff will be reminded to wash their hands frequently and at key times such as on arriving/ leaving Path Hill and before/ after eating.
- Only Office staff will be allowed in the building to work. No students or instructors will be allowed in the building.
- During lockdown, offsite visits away from Path Hill will be permitted but to outdoor environments only.
- First Aid – if a student or staff member requires first aid assistance, the Path Hill first aider will wear a mask and gloves to administer First Aid and where possible, ask the student to wear a mask too.
- Any staff with one of the known symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/ or smell) will be asked to stay off work and seek a test at the earliest opportunity.
- In the event that 2 or more staff test positive for Covid 19 we will report it to Public Health England and await follow their instructions.
- Anybody who is advised to self-isolate will be required to do so for the requisite number of days.

Catering Arrangements

- The nominated coordinator for the day will arrange and oversee lunch arrangements.
 - Wearing a mask whilst preparing and serving food.
 - Ensuring all equipment has been sanitised before and after use.
 - Observing all existing Food Hygiene standards.
- The group meal will be served outside in the outdoor kitchen area in accordance with EHO guidelines.
- The person with responsibility for serving the meal will wear an apron, gloves and a mask.
- Handwashing will be obligatory prior to and after meals. Queuing for food will be at the two metre distance.
- There will be one student and one instructor on each table, sitting diagonally apart on opposite sides.
- Students can bring a packed lunch if they have specific dietary requirements. The coordinator can prepare sandwiches for certain students if 24-hour notice is given.

Equipment

- Path Hill Outdoors will provide all PPE equipment necessary for staff to comply with Covid-19 protocols.
- The outside toilets and handwashing sinks will be sanitised daily.
- All kit will be disinfected before and after check out by the nominated coordinator each day.

Rules specific to staff

- All staff have the responsibility to monitor themselves and families for symptoms and self-isolate if symptomatic (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/ or smell).
- Morning briefings and afternoon debriefs will be held outside with two metre spacing between all staff.
- Paperwork requirements will be limited - plans for the day will be outlined verbally in the morning briefings and the daily reviews will be submitted on paper.
- No dogs will be brought on site
- Staff to use personal kit where possible (first aid kits, sharp tools, gloves etc)

Transport

- In cases where it has been pre-arranged for Path Hill to transport a student, we will use a seven-seater vehicle placing the student on back seat during transportation to allow for the 2m distancing.
- Masks will be worn by staff when they are required to transport students.
- Students will be required to wear a mask and one will be provided where necessary.
- Vehicles will be sanitised after each journey.

Parental responsibilities

- Students who present with symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend Path Hill Outdoors.

- If members of the household where the student lives present with symptoms of Covid-19 the student should not attend Path Hill Outdoors.
- If a child arrives at Path Hill looking ill or displaying symptoms we will ask for them to be returned home.
- An infrared thermometer will be used to measure the temperature of students if we suspect they may be feverish.

Outdoor Spaces

Space	Heating	Number of 1:1 students permitted
Pod	Electric heater	1
Outdoor Kitchen	None	4 (1 per table @ 4 tables 2m apart)
Outdoor Kitchen Annex (Marquee)	None	+2 (+2 tables)
Small Yurt	Wood stove	1
Large Yurt	Wood stove	1
Gutteridge A Frame	Fire	1
Kilns A Frame	Fire	1
Lower A Frame	Fire	1
Scotts A Frame	Fire	1
Scotts Cabin	Wood stove	1
Forge building	None	1
Barn	None	2
Pumphouse	Wood stove	1
Middle Room	Gas heater	0
Indoor Kitchen	None	0