

Unique Voice Safety and Protection Statement - Covid-19 - Summer 2021

As we enter Step 4 of the Government's response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Unique Voice is continuing to support the community by running holiday programmes for young people. **Whilst the mandatory requirement for social distancing has reduced, the safety and protection of health of all children, families and staff is our priority and the following document outlines to all parties what safety precautions have been implemented over the summer programme period (July/August 2021) to help minimise risk.** Rule changes for self-isolation are due to come into practice from 16th August.

The below is based on our Risk Assessment of the venue, government guidance and our own best practice. This document is to be read by all parents / carers of the children attending and staff at Unique Voice before coming into the programme.

Drop off/ Pick Up: When children are allocated a place at the holiday programme, parents / carers will be given an allocated time slot to drop off their child to the UV leader. For the continued safety of our staff and all participating in the programme, we ask all parents / carers to observe the following at drop off & pick up time:

- that no parents / carers come inside the programme setting unless invited to by a staff member
- all parents / carers follow the guidance identified at the venue
- please keep a minimum of 2 metres between you and the next person/ family whilst queuing
- face coverings / masks should be worn
- if it is possible please walk or cycle to the setting and avoid public transport.

UV staff will take the temperature of all young people attending the programme and anyone recording a temperature of 38degrees C or higher will be asked to return home and obtain a negative PCR test before re-joining the programme. Should your child display any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below, you will be contacted and asked to take them home. You and your family should follow the government guidance regarding self-isolation

During the programme

1. Group Numbers: The number of young people attending each of our holiday programmes has been limited in line with our risk assessment and Covid-safe practices. The programme is closed to any other visitors apart from managers of Unique Voice.
2. Outside Space: Where possible and weather permitting, we will be using outdoor space as much as possible to run the activities and this reduces the risk of spread of infection.
3. Hand-washing: We will be asking the children that attend the programme to wash their hands regularly with provided running water and soap. Where access to running water and soap is limited, for example outside, an appropriate alcohol hand rub or sanitiser will be available, ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
4. Resources: The Unique Voice team will be following government guidelines by ensuring that surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day. We ask that no toys or items are brought in from home by the children.
5. Lunches: Unique Voice will supply pre-prepared lunches and snacks at the programmes as a result of funding from the Government's Holiday activities fund. We will be encouraging lunch to be eaten outside and hand washing will take place both before and after lunch. Children and the staff will not be able to share food of any kind and lunches will be individually packed to reflect this.
6. First Aid: In consenting to Unique Voice carrying out first aid in the event of emergency, we need to advise that PPE equipment will be worn by Unique Voice staff to protect both the staff and children at close distance, particularly where a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained.

Prevention/Self-isolation

Unique Voice encourages all families to continue to partake in Promote Lateral Flow Tests which can be made available to your household on the following website, <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

Before August 16th

Children / young people, staff and other adults must stay at home and self-isolate (and not attend the programme) and follow the guidance on the following website ([www.gov.uk covid-19 stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](http://www.gov.uk/covid-19/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)) if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms (see list below) - if they have symptoms you should arrange for them to have a PCR test and remain at home while waiting for the result of the test.
- a member of your household (including someone in your child's support bubble or childcare bubble) has COVID-19 symptoms or had a positive test, or been required to do so by NHS Track & Trace
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the common travel area
- they have had a positive test (LFD or PCR)
- they have been identified as a close contact of a person with a positive COVID-19 test

Self-isolation should be for at least 10 full days from:

- The start of the symptoms, and any subsequent new symptoms within the self-isolation (unless a negative PCR test)
- The test date if they did not have symptoms but have had a positive lateral flow test (LFD) (if a PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD and the child can return to the programme)
- The last contact with a person identified as having a positive test

On and after August 16th

Children / young people, staff and other adults must stay at home and self-isolate (and not attend the programme) and follow the guidance on the following website ([www.gov.uk covid-19 stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](http://www.gov.uk/covid-19/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)) if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms (see list below) - if they have symptoms you should arrange for them to have a PCR test and remain at home while waiting for the result of the test.
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the common travel area
- they have had a positive test

If a child / young person has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, they will not be required to automatically self-isolate but, for the safety and protection of others, they are encouraged to book a PCR test

Self-isolation should be for at least 10 full days from:

- The start of the symptoms, and any subsequent new symptoms within the self-isolation (unless a negative PCR test)
- The test date if they did not have symptoms but have had a positive lateral flow test (LFD) (if a PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD and the child can return to the programme)

Symptoms of Covid-19

- A new, continuous cough,
- high temperature, or
- a loss in their normal sense of taste

I have read all of the above and will abide by the Covid-19 safety regulations:

Name: _____

Signature: _____