

Unique Voice Safety and Protection Statement - Covid-19

Following the 2020 Covid-19 virus outbreak, Unique Voice has constantly reviewed its policy and instructions in order to ensure the safety of all programme users and our staff. The guidance below has been issued following the Government's decision to withdraw all mandatory requirements and issue a 'Living with Covid Policy' on 24th February 2022 and specifically the [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(February 2022\)](#).

The new guidance states that Covid-19 remains a risk and will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future. We are advised to understand situations where risks of infection and transmission are likely to be high and to manage the risks to ourselves and others. We ask for your support in adhering to the following policy so that we can continue to run our programmes with the maximum amount of fun in the safest possible way.

At Unique Voice we aim to provide our programmes each day throughout the advertised period; however, in accordance with public health advice we may need to close some settings at short notice due to staff shortages; we will do our utmost to re-open if at all possible. Please regularly check for messages from your Unique Voice contact.

Unique Voice reserves the right to make changes to its policy, regardless of the official requirement, to reflect the perceived threat of Covid transmission and to protect all users of the programme and our staff. 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 current programme period to help minimise risk. Unique Voice will only notify you of closures to the programme and you will not be notified directly regarding any confirmed cases within the programme. If requested, we will provide details to NHS Test & Trace who will notify you regarding any self-isolation need.

This document is to be read by all parents / carers of the children attending and all 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
- The legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies; however, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded or enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet. We feel it is still appropriate that face coverings continue to be worn by staff and parents/carers at drop-off and collection time
- Unique Voice 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 may be 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 or invited guests.
2. Face coverings: Face coverings will not be required in normal classroom settings; however, Unique Voice staff may be required to wear a face covering when moving around the premises and in any communal areas if it considered advisable.

3. Testing: Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within settings. There is no need for primary aged children to undergo asymptomatic testing; however, staff and visitors to the setting will be asked to take a lateral flow test twice weekly at home.

If your child has any of the Covid-19 symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. If the PCR test is positive they should stay at home and self-isolate for the required time.

We ask that if any member of your household or a close contact of your child returns a positive Covid-19 test (lateral flow or PCR) that you carry out regular tests of all members of the household and follow government [guidance for people who are close contacts of people with Covid-19](#)

4. 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. Please ensure that your child has adequate clothing for the weather conditions.

5. 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.

6. Resources: The Unique Voice team will endeavour to ensure 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.

7. 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. 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.

8. First Aid: In consenting to Unique Voice carrying out first aid in the event of emergency, we need to advise that PPE equipment may be worn by Unique Voice staff to protect both the staff and children at close distance, particularly where a safe social distance cannot be maintained and Covid symptoms are suspected.

Prevention/Self-isolation

Unique Voice encourages all families to continue to partake in Lateral Flow Tests which can be made available to your household. [Test for Covid-19](#)

Covid Symptoms/Positive Test result

Anyone with Covid symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately

If you have Covid-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.

Anyone with symptoms (see list below) should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible and not return to the programme unless a negative result is received.

If you do not have Covid-19 symptoms but have a positive PCR test result or a positive lateral flow test, you must stay at home and self-isolate for up to 10 days. If you live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself.

- Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.



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:
