

# COVID & The Festival

## Keeping Everyone Safe



### Events with an Audience

All events that we deliver with an audience will have been fully risk assessed to adhere to government guidance. Examples of specific measures for any events with an audience include:

- Socially distanced audiences with strict max capacity for each venue.
  - Big Top – max 300 with an empty seat between each group.
  - Jubilee Hall – max 75 with an empty seat between each group.
- Face masks to be worn by all audience members at all times when indoors.
- One-way entry/exit system.
- Where served, drinks to be collected and only consumed once seated.

*This is covered by the government guidance for the Performing Arts and a Festival venue risk assessment*

### Workshops – Pupils Only

We are confident that we can successfully deliver all planned workshops but with slight adjustments. In order to maintain pupil bubbles we will:

- Keep 2m between pupils in different bubbles
- Where 2m is not possible, maintain 1m plus with pupils wearing masks
- Pupils sanitise their hands on entry
- Students should queue outside the classroom in their bubbles
  - Year 7s to left of door, Year 8s to the right and Year 9s on opposite side of corridor
- Dismiss students by bubble

*This is covered by the DFE guidance for schools and the school risk assessment for cross bubble co-curricular activity*

### Workshops – Pupils & Parents

In order to maintain social distancing requirements we will:

- Ensure parents and pupils can participate in groups of up to 2 households.
- Keep 2m between groups.
- Where 2m is not possible, maintain 1m plus with participants wearing masks – for outdoor activities masks are not required.
- Participants sanitise their hands on entry
- Have groups wait outside the building and then enter with a 2m distance between them. There will be no communal gathering before and after events.
- Dismiss participants by group

*This is covered by the government's general covid guidance for indoor activities and Festival workshops risk assessment*

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### Activity/Event Specific Conditions for Participants

#### **Music, Drama/Dance Performances**

The government have provided specific guidance for Performing Arts which will apply during the Festival. Specific departmental risk assessments will be updated to reflect this guidance, and applied to all Performing Arts Festival events. Cross-bubble activity will be mitigated against with:

*This is covered by the government guidance for the Performing Arts and departmental risk assessments*

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>

#### **Sporting Activities**

The government have provided specific guidance for providers of grassroots sport and sport facilities, which has been reflected in guidance provided by individual sporting governing bodies. This will all form the basis of specific departmental risk assessments, which will be applied to all sporting Festival events.

*This is covered by the DFE guidance for schools, NGB guidance and the departmental risk assessments for sporting activity*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance#wraparound-provision-and-extra-curricular-activity>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>

#### **Other Activities**

Individual risk assessments are being created to cover any activities (eg. Design & Engineering and Climbing) where the activities and/or use of equipment requires specific management and mitigation. Specific requirements will be outlined in activity specific risk assessments, and communicated with participants well in advance.

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