



CORONAVIRUS POLICY STATEMENT

DATE 15th July 2020

Over the last few weeks, the government has approved the restarting of outdoor activity within social distancing guidelines.

The new guidance allows people to gather at parks, outdoor spaces and other Covid secure venues. Further gradual easing of the restrictions to venues have been announced – from the 6th of July 2020.

Our current position is that we will be restarting some of our projects, outdoor activities, events after the 1st August 2020, based on social distancing and limit to group numbers. – shielding is paused by the government.

We want to return to life to as normal as possible, for as many people as possible. The health and well being of our community will always be our priority.

We want to reassure you that OSCAR will continue to support individuals and families who have been disproportionately affected by this pandemic. Our commitment is to ensure recovery and rebuilding, as Covid-19 will still be part of our lives for months to come.

Therefore, we have introduced several measures in place as part of our Covid policy to ensure preventing and spreading of virus and the safety of staff, volunteers and all using our services.

Further details on what we have done and what you can do are as follows:

What we have done:

- We have reduced level of events which means less places on a few activities.
- Several activities, workshops and events will also take place online via zoom.
- Limit to group- Only bubbles of six people (including OSCAR staff) from any number of households, as stipulated by the government.
- We will only use activity centres and spaces that are Covid secure.
- We have carried out Covid risk assessment.
- Washing facilities and toilets are regularly cleaned. Hand sanitisers are available.
- We have put a limit to the number of people allowed in our centre based on appointment system.
- Staff have been trained in infection control and hand hygiene.



What you can do

- Wash your hands with soap and water throughout the day for at least 20 seconds.
- Face masks - You can wear these if you wish. Face Masks must be worn when advised to depending on nature of activity and the venue.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands
- Do not touch your face if your hands are not clean
- Sneeze and cough into your arm if required.

Do not attend if you have

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss of smell or taste – this can be a sign of respiratory infections.

What we can do together

- Ensure everyone is maintaining social distancing - staff, volunteers, and service users.
- All wear the correct PPE where appropriate and if on site to protect those around us.
- If anyone feels unwell, please see appointed first aider.

Local Outbreak Plan

All local authorities have established Mandatory Local Outbreak Plan.

We will continue to support, cooperate, and work in partnership with local authority, community groups and BVSC to support the needs of vulnerable people should there be an outbreak.

Further details on Coronavirus advice and Local Outbreak Plan available at links below:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/coronavirus_advice

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/16599/covid_19_local_outbreak_control_plan_birmingham.pdf

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus>

Government Information and updates.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>