



WILD WEEKENDS

Protective Infection Control Measures

Smart security controls

We will implement the following strict and stringent security controls:

- Children and staff **MUST** stay at home if unwell. We are asking all staff and parents to sign a declaration form that they will not attend the Saturday club if they or someone in their household has symptoms, or if they have been in contact with any individuals who are unwell. Those who have not returned the declaration form agreeing to the new terms and conditions for COVID safety will not gain entry to the setting.
- Parents and staff must follow the standard national advice on the symptoms to look out for. If anyone in the household develops a fever, a new continuous cough, or a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell, they are advised to follow the guidance which states that the ill person should remain in isolation for 7 days and the rest of the household in isolation for 14 days: (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>)
- Any person who develops symptoms of COVID-19 or feels unwell in any way throughout the session will be isolated as appropriate and sent home immediately. They will not be granted access to the nursery in line with the aforementioned guidance.
- Please note that we will not take temperatures upon arrival since the current government guidance indicates that it is an unreliable method.
- Please also note that we will not administer medicines on the grounds that paracetamol/ibuprofen type medicines can suppress symptoms which could delay families seeking much needed medical attention.
- All staff and children must immediately wash their hands upon arrival for 20 seconds with running water and liquid soap, ensuring all parts of the hand are covered and drying their hands thoroughly afterwards one-use-only disposable paper towels.
- Children and staff must wear a fresh change of clothes each day.
- All children **must** bring their own and clearly identified water bottles for use each day as well as their own morning snack and packed lunch
- Children should be dropped off and collected by one adult only. Non-contact greetings and handovers will be implemented.

Hygiene and cleanliness

Transmission of coronavirus mainly occurs via respiratory droplets generated during breathing, talking, coughing and sneezing. These droplets can directly infect the respiratory tracts of other people if there is close contact. They also infect others indirectly. This happens when the droplets get onto and contaminate surfaces which



are then touched and introduced into the mouth or eyes of an uninfected person. Good hygiene is therefore extremely important.

At *Wild Weekends*, to prevent the indirect spread of the virus, we will:

- Implement a stringent and frequent cleaning schedule of the environment and resources, including all resources, play equipment, electronic devices and books.
- We will not use unnecessary soft furnishings including cushions and soft toys and the removal of hard-to-clean and intricate resources.
- Malleable materials such as playdough and clay will still be used but children will be allocated their own fresh batch and this will be strictly monitored to prevent sharing.
- Children will be reminded of the importance of frequent and thorough hand hygiene, to not touch their faces and good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- All children will be supported where necessary with washing their hands effectively for 20 seconds with running water and liquid soap, ensuring all parts of the hand are covered.
- Children will wash hands at regular set and frequent intervals throughout the session, and dry their hands thoroughly.
- Children will be reminded to avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues when they cough or sneeze. If one is not available, to sneeze into the crook of the elbow, not into their hand. Tissues will be disposed of carefully and hands will be washed immediately again.
- Provide handwashing stations and bins upon arrival and additionally around the woodland. Bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day.
- Alcohol-based hand gel will be present for staff use only.

PPE

The government guidelines state that masks should not be worn in education and childcare settings. In addition, we feel that wearing masks would be frightening and intimidating for young children. Reassuring facial expressions are so important for young children as they are an important means of communication. Please therefore be aware that our staff will not be wearing masks.

If any person becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while attending a session and needs direct personal care or contact until they can return home, a fluid-resistant surgical face mask, disposable gloves, and disposable apron will be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection will also be worn. While a person is awaiting collection, they will be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.



Small groups and social distancing

At *Wild Weekends*, we believe it is important to be honest and transparent with parents in our view that true social distancing is not logistically possible for many reasons in a Saturday club for children of primary school age.

Wild Weekends is a small setting with a maximum of 12 children each weekend. Whilst in theory, there is unlimited outdoor space, the reality of this is that the children access only one set woodland area which is safe, secure and fully risk assessed on a daily basis. It is not as simple as keeping children apart in groups since children share the same collective space and the mixing of different age groups is a key part of our ethos.

Further, we recognise that primary school age children may require close adult support at times – whether that's helping to put on shoes or jackets, through the re-application of sun-cream, climbing or simply providing comfort. It is both unrealistic and potentially damaging to their mental health to expect children not to play with other children, to not have close contact with trusted adults, to remain within a confined area and to have little to no physical contact resulting in relative isolation throughout the day.

At *Wild Weekends*, we therefore believe it is unreasonable to expect social distancing to occur in a holiday club setting for primary school aged children. Children cannot comprehend how or why, and nor should they need to. Similarly, staff will not be able to socially distance from children. Children may need adult support for a range of tasks. They need comfort, and physical touch in a number of instances and we will not hesitate to provide physical support and comfort when appropriate.

The DfE guidance recognises that social distancing may not be possible but that settings where possible should keep children in small groups of up to 16 children, 1 metre away from each other. At *One Wild Summer*, we have limited the group size to 12 in order limit the number of social contacts people have.

In addition, as part of our terms and conditions, we will not allow a child to attend *Wild Weekends* if they also attend any other holiday club setting in order to ensure that *Wild Weekends* is a safe bubble.

Other safety measures we will take to minimise transmission risks include:

- Children should be dropped off or collected by **one adult only**. Parents must not congregate in the car park to prevent adult-to-adult contact.
- There will be visibly demarcated areas in the car park to allow families to maintain at least a 2 metre distance from each other;
- All children, will be outside throughout the full duration of the Saturday club;
- No visitors will be given access to the setting premises;
- Similarly, parents will not be allowed access to the Saturday club in accordance with government guidance.



- *Wild Weekends* will run in a separate woodland entirely to the nursery *Little Wild Tribe*. Children and staff will not come into contact with each other. They will use a different woodland and the holiday club children will not enter *Little Wild Tribe* premises.

Testing

All children have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are asked to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to education, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect others.

We therefore ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about [getting tested](#).