



Operating safely with Covid-19
Information for Parents
July 19th 2021



The power of fun

We believe that children have been at home too long and they need to have fun with friends and learn to socialise again

As we move into Stage 4 of the easing of lockdown, we aim to give parents the confidence that your children will be safe at Fun Fest through a series of sensible protective measures.

Summer

The health and safety of your children and our staff is paramount. Our core values are to provide a consistent and reliable service for parents and a club where children have the power to choose their own fun.

From 19th July the stage 4 easing of restrictions will begin.

We will continue to have responsible protective measures in place to minimise the spread of infection.

We will provide clear information on our website about the protective measures that will be put in place in the clubs.

We will continue to review and revise these measures as we monitor government guidelines over the coming weeks

Stage 4 plan

Stage 4 of the easing of lockdown comes into force from 19th July.
Information for parents can be found here:

Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Stage 4 guidance

- Childcare settings should be open and attendance is strongly encouraged.
- the [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only
- over the summer, staff will continue to test regularly and minimum twice per week
- there is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period

Stage 4: changes from 19th July

- From Monday 19 July, Settings will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- Test and Trace will only require isolation of those in close and prolonged contact which will minimise the number of people isolating.
- Children do not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble')
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in base rooms or in communal areas.

Stage 4: changes from 16th August

- From 16 August, the legal requirement to self-isolate for contacts of a positive case will end for everyone aged under 18, and for adults who have been fully vaccinated. This means that from the autumn term, only those who test positive will need to self-isolate.
- From 16th August, those identified as close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test, and only need to isolate if they test positive.

Social Distancing

Social Distancing is not required under Stage 4.

However, self-isolation is still in force until 16th August and this could have an impact on staffing levels in our clubs. To minimise the potential impact of self-isolating staff, we have recruited additional banks of staff to ensure consistency of service to our customers.

Fun Fest clubs will continue to operate in small group sizes with as much consistency as possible to minimise impact.

Managing Risk

Fun Fest clubs are maintaining sensible protective measures as per the guidance document contained here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Our clubs will maintain the following measures to minimise risk:

- Well ventilated rooms
- Good hand hygiene routines
- Activities outside where possible
- Minimise visitors to the setting
- Thorough cleaning routines
- Staff testing twice per week

Staying safe

- We are responsible for implementing appropriate measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in settings
- All Fun Fest clubs have an 'outbreak management plan' in place outlining how they would operate if there was an outbreak in the setting.
- The Outbreak Management Plan has been based on the Contingency Framework guidance found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-and-childcare-settings/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settings>

Easing of restrictions

The following restrictive measures have been removed as part of stage 4 easing of lockdown:

- Children can now attend more than one setting
- Staff and children can share spaces
- Children can share equipment
- Clubs can use malleable materials: messy play
- Music, dance and drama sessions are now back on the Fun Fest timetables.

We continue to minimise visitors to the settings and ask parents not to enter our clubs.

Cleaning

Fun Fest Holiday Clubs will continue with extensive cleaning routines:

- Frequently used surfaces wiped down between activities
- Toilet areas cleaned frequently throughout the day
- Equipment cleaned after use
- Thorough clean every day with deep clean on Friday
- Children and staff will regularly wash their hands throughout the day

Suspected Case

If a child develops any symptoms of Covid 19 during the day, then they need to be isolated and their parents/carers informed so that they can come and collect them as quickly as possible.

Franchisees / managers will identify a space where the child can be isolated safely and supervised

The member of staff supervising the child will need to wear PPE and the area needs to be deep cleaned once the child has been collected.



Covid-19 Secure

We take the health and safety of your children and our staff extremely seriously.

The measures we have put in place for all clubs, along with the training for staff, and communication for parents aims to give parents the confidence that Fun Fest continues to be a responsible operator.



Thank you