

PROTOCOL for Barn Centre Users and Hirers during the

Covid-19 Pandemic

PLEASE READ THE PROTOCOL FOR BARN USE AND HIRE DEFINED BELOW THEN SIGN AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ITS REQUIREMENTS.

The Barn Centre Committee is keen to make the building available for use and hire now that lockdown restrictions have been eased. Unfortunately there have to be certain limitations on use. Scientific understanding of the Coronavirus, government advice and regulations are changing almost daily, so this protocol is likely to change again at very short notice. We will advise you accordingly.

Numbers

For activities such as art, quilting, tai chi, pilates or yoga, no more than 8 people spaced apart, plus the tutor, should be present, and for movement activities such as dance, no more than 6 people plus tutor. This may affect the viability of your activity but it will help keep people safe. Please plan your activity to allow for two metres social distancing. No activity should be undertaken with bare feet.

Dealing with Risk

You should:

1. Carry out your own risk assessment beforehand, taking into account the number of people likely to attend. Please send us an email copy of this.
2. Keep a detailed register of your group, including their names, addresses, email address and phone numbers and weekly attendance.
3. Ask your group to complete a short questionnaire about their health before their first class and require a verbal update before the next class should anybody become unwell or be in contact with somebody who has become unwell.
4. Bring your own disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, face masks etc. for use on arrival and on exiting.
5. Wipe common contact surfaces such as door handles, door plates, light switches, handrails, tables and chairs if used.
6. Do not share materials, books etc.
7. Bring your own drinking vessels and food. The kitchen will for the moment be out of bounds except to those working in the office/library.
8. Find the accident book in the coffee room in need.
9. If the toilets are used please use the hand sanitizer available in the lobby and spray any surfaces touched with the bacterial spray which we will provide.

Vulnerable Users

Activities for those in the vulnerable and/or elderly category who have been in isolation until recently will need particular care as these people will require extra reassurance and confidence to participate in group activity. The person leading the group may be at risk themselves and also pose a risk to other people if they take groups in other areas. Consideration needs to be given to this increased risk level.

Safe Facilities

The Barn Centre is cleaned regularly but we cannot clean after every class and therefore cannot absolutely guarantee building safety since Covid-19 is completely invisible. It is therefore essential that you carry out your cleansing routine before vacating the building by wiping all surfaces touched, including doorhandles. The chances of virus transmission are very low, but we want it to be safe for everyone who enters the building.

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