

**Holdfast Beach School RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT:
COVID-19 Specific Risk Assessment:
Government Road Map - Step One**



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Being outdoors in nature reduces stress, keeps immunity strong, builds resilience and a sense of community and keeps us physically healthy. Regular attendance at outdoor learning groups can have restorative mental health benefits for people of all ages.

The UK Government recommends the use of outdoor education, where possible, as this can limit transmission and more easily allow for social distancing.

Parent and child groups can take place outdoors if they are for the benefit of children aged under 5 and organised by a business, charity or public body. This includes groups that are primarily focused on social and developmental activities (such as art classes).

Parent and child groups can only take place in outdoor spaces, and must not take place in private gardens or homes, or in venues that are otherwise required to close.

Parent and child groups must be limited to no more than 15 attendees. Children under five and anyone working as part of the group are not counted in this number.

Please note – Holdfast Beach School operate under a dynamic risk assessing process which is the continuous process of identifying hazards, assessing risk, taking action to eliminate or reduce risk, monitoring and reviewing, in the rapidly changing environment of the natural world.

This risk assessment must be read in conjunction with other related risk assessments & policies/procedures.

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<p>Large number of participants will minimise the possibilities for adequate social distancing and increase the transmission risk of Covid-19</p>	<p>Staff, participants and other beach users.</p>	<p>Member of staff and participants are already reduced. Groups of 15 people aged over 5 are allowed for Parent & Child groups under UK (England) Law. Under 5s and members of staff/volunteers do not count in these numbers.</p> <p>Pre-booking is required for the whole term. This will control the number of participants.</p> <p>Only one parent will be allowed to accompany a child</p>	<p>Advise all participants to maintain social distancing in pre-session communication and throughout sessions.</p> <p>Participants will be required to keep 2 metres apart (except in household groups)</p> <p>In the rare circumstance where participants will not be able to remain 2 metres apart, adult participants will be asked to wear face coverings to mitigate any transmission risk.</p> <p>All participants will be required to wash/ sanitise hands frequently throughout the session.</p> <p>Staff will wear face masks or face visors when under 2 metres from any participants or inside the Endeavour Centre.</p> <p>Social distanced outdoor seating to be encouraged using individual tarpaulins and mats.</p> <p>All participants to read and agree to COVID-19 Protocol before they attend.</p>	<p>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments, signage & communication</p>

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Someone attends a session with Covid-19 and transmits it to the rest of the group	Staff and participants.	Participants that they must not attend if they or anyone else in their household displays any symptoms of Covid-19.	<p>All participants to read and agree to Covid-19 Protocol before they attend.</p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell with Covid-19 symptoms during a session they will be asked to go home immediately and asked to arrange a Covid-19 test. If the test is negative they may attend the next session. If the test is positive, they and other members of their household must self isolate for 14 days and must not attend sessions in that time.</p>	Rachel Stevens	Pre-session communication

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<p>Someone attending with coronavirus who is asymptomatic and transmitting it to the rest of the group through shared surfaces/ objects</p>	<p>Staff and Participants</p>	<p>Hand-washing station with soap and single use towels to be provided at the Endeavour Centre. Additional hand washing facilities are available in St Margaret's Bay public toilets.</p> <p>Participants are advised to wash hands on arrival and before/after eating food or drinking.</p> <p>Alcohol hand gel is also available and participants are asked to bring their own hand gel.</p>	<p>Children will have separate packs of equipment for their exclusive use for the whole term. Each participant will have their own bag of resources to use throughout the session(s) These will be cleaned and packed more than 72 hours before the first session and will remain in the named bag until the end of the sessions when they will be cleaned in accordance with Government Guidance.</p> <p>Any shared equipment will be cleaned with disinfectant before use and at the end of each session.</p> <p>Participants will be asked to wash and/or sanitise their hands before and after using any shared resources.</p> <p>Participants will be advised to regularly wash their hands after using the hand rail to the beach and/or touching any beach furniture</p> <p>The amount of resources that are taken home will be limited.</p> <p>Participants will be asked to bring their own towels. However children will be asked NOT to bring any toys from home.</p>	<p>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Pre-session equipment checklist - every session</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</p> <p>After-session equipment check - every session</p>

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<p>Someone attending with coronavirus who is asymptomatic and transmitting it to the rest of the group through poor respiratory hygiene</p>	<p>Staff and participants.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Participants to be advised to have good respiratory hygiene in pre-session communication and Covid-19 protocol.</p> <p>Participants will be asked to wash their hands after sneezing or coughing.</p> <p>All participants will be required to wash/sanitise hands frequently throughout the session.</p> <p>Participants will be required to keep 2 metres apart (except in household groups or support bubbles).</p> <p>In the rare circumstances where participants will not be able to remain 2 metres apart, adult participants will be asked to wear face coverings to mitigate any transmission risk.</p> <p>Staff will wear face masks or face visors when under 2 metres from any participants (regardless of age) or inside the Endeavour Centre.</p>	<p>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p>

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<p>Physical contact games, such as chasing, tag or activities such as group cooking or sharing food might lead to the transmission of Covid-19</p>	<p>Staff and Participants</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Physical contact activities will not be planned.</p> <p>No shared food will be provided. Participants will be asked to bring any food or drink that they may need.</p> <p>Participants will be required to keep 2 metres apart (except in household groups)</p> <p>In the rare circumstances where participants will not be able to remain 2 metres apart, adult participants will be asked to wear face coverings to mitigate any transmission risk.</p> <p>Staff will wear face masks or face visors when under 2 metres from any participants (regardless of age) or inside the Endeavour Centre.</p> <p>All participants to read and agree to Covid-19 Protocol before they attend.</p>	<p>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Session planning - each week</p>

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The infection of staff members by participants	Staff	Sessions will be run with core staff only.	<p>Advise staff to maintain social distancing 2m+ wherever possible with adult participants and a distance of 1m+ in limited circumstances only while using face coverings.</p> <p>Staff will wear face masks or face visors when under 2 metres from any participants (regardless of age) or inside the Endeavour Centre.</p> <p>If social distancing can not be maintained then staff should site beside child participants and should avoid being opposite them wherever possible.</p> <p>Staff will be required to regularly sanitise hands.</p> <p>PPE (disposable face masks and gloves) to be worn for administering any First Aid.</p>	Rachel Stevens	<p>Staff briefing - every session</p> <p>Pre-session equipment checklist - every session</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</p>

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Transmission of Covid-19 through overcrowding in the Endeavour Centre.	Staff and Participants	N/A	<p>Endeavour Centre surfaces will be cleaned with disinfectant before and after every session.</p> <p>The Endeavour Centre will have the front and back doors open throughout the sessions to maintain good ventilation.</p> <p>No more than six people (aged over 5) to be allowed in the Endeavour Centre at any time.</p> <p>All adults to be asked to use a face covering in the Endeavour Centre unless face mask exempt.</p> <p>All children to use individual mats for storytime to facilitate social distancing in an age-appropriate way.</p> <p>All participants to read and agree to Covid-19 Protocol before they attend.</p>	Rachel Stevens	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Pre-session equipment checklist - every session</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</p> <p>After-session equipment check - every session</p>
There is a confirmed case of Covid-19 amongst Staff, or participants during the term	Staff and Participants	Pre-booking is required for the whole term. This will control number of participants and create a 'bubble' for the whole term.	<p>Participant records to be kept throughout the term and for a minimum of three weeks following the end of term for NHS Track & Trace</p> <p>Maintain GDPR Compliant attendance records</p> <p>All participants to read and agree to Covid-19 Protocol before they attend.</p>	Rachel Stevens	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Throughout term and for a minimum of 21 days after the end of term.</p>