

Holdfast Beach School RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT: COVID-19 Specific Risk Assessment



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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.

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.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Large number of participants will minimise the possibilities for adequate social distancing and will increase the transmission risk of Covid-19	Staff, participants and other beach users.	Pre-booking is required for the whole term. This will control the number of participants.	Advise all participants to maintain social distancing in pre-session communication. All participants to read and agree to COVID-19 Protocol before they attend.	Rachel Stevens	Pre-session communication During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication

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<p>Someone attends a session with Covid-19 and transmits it to the rest of the group</p>	<p>Staff and participants.</p>	<p>Participants that they must not attend if they or anyone else in their household displays any symptoms of Covid-19.</p>	<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.</p>	<p>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</p>
<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>Any shared equipment will be cleaned with disinfectant before use at the beginning 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>Rachel Stevens</p>	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Pre-session equipment checklist - every session</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</p>

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Someone attending with coronavirus who is asymptomatic and transmitting it to the rest of the group through poor respiratory hygiene	Staff and participants.	N/A	<p>Participants to be advised to have good respiratory hygiene in pre-session communication and Covid-19 protocol.</p> <p>All participants will be asked to wash/ sanitise hands throughout the session.</p> <p>Advise all participants to maintain social distancing in pre-session communication.</p> <p>Ventilation to be maintained in the Endeavour Centre by keeping both doors open.</p> <p>Participants to be advised that they can wear a mask in the Endeavour Centre, if they wish.</p>	Rachel Stevens	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>During sessions - dynamic risk assessments & communication</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	Staff and Participants	N/A	<p>Physical contact games 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>All participants to read and agree to Covid-19 Protocol before they attend.</p> <p>Advise all participants to maintain social distancing in pre-session communication.</p> <p>Ventilation to be maintained in the Endeavour Centre by keeping both doors open.</p> <p>Participants to be advised that they can wear a mask in the Endeavour Centre, if they wish.</p>	Rachel Stevens	<p>Pre-session communication</p> <p>Session planning - each week</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>Participants to be advised that they can wear a mask in the Endeavour Centre, if they wish.</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>