



Specific COVID Policy

Updated regularly to keep in line with Government guidance

This policy should be used alongside Government guidance which would automatically override any in hours policies and procedures. However, sensible hygiene practice should remain in place where practical to do so to ensure maximum prevention can be adhered to regardless of level of action.

Response action should come into place if readiness levels go from GREEN to AMBER at which point Government guidance should be adhered to .

COVID Prevention protocol

1. **Minimise contact** with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who are required to stay at home – do so.
2. If mandatory face covering indoors is required by the Government, we will abide by their recommendations at the time. A stock is held onsite for anyone without one. Those exempt from wearing them must display a badge.
3. **Clean hands** thoroughly more often than usual. Use hand sanitiser on entry and exit to the building and at regular intervals especially when using sport or art equipment and behind the coffee bar.
4. Ensure good **respiratory hygiene** by promoting the good air flow where possible.
5. Introduce **enhanced cleaning**, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as sprays and wipes.
6. **Minimise contact** between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Always keeping occupied spaces well **ventilated** where possible.

Response to any COVID infection protocol

8. **Manage confirmed cases** of coronavirus (COVID-19) within the youth club setting by informing relevant staff and young people who may have had contact with the positive case.
9. Contain any outbreak by following local **health protection team** advice.

Standard Agreed Protocol

1. If someone with symptoms tests negative for coronavirus (COVID-19), then they should stay at home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of that contact.
2. If someone with symptoms tests positive, they should follow the government guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and should isolate for a minimum of 5 days. As of December 2022, government guidelines state that a LFT test can be done on days 6 and 7 during isolation. If these tests are negative then isolation can end.
3. The period of isolation starts from the day when they first became symptomatic and negative tests on days 6 & 7. If they still have a high temperature, they should continue to self-isolate until their temperature returns to normal.

The Prout Bridge Project will call the **NHS Test and Trace helpline** for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case where we will seek advice as to what action is needed based on the latest public health advice.

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