

PIXIE STUDIOS - COVID-19

The government recognises the important role out-of-school settings (OOSS) play in providing enriching activities, giving children the opportunity to socialise with others outside their household and promoting their wellbeing. They also recognise the importance of these settings in providing additional childcare options to parents and carers. Pixie Studios is an educational environment and a place of work and therefore does not count as a social gathering in any circumstance.

The government have released accompanying [guidance for parents and carers](#) to support you to understand how you can reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. With this in mind, we ask if you can ensure you bring your child to class in private transport rather than using public transport. Only people from the same household are encouraged to be at drop off and pick up and are advised to wear a mask if possible.

To reduce the risk of transmission within a setting, we should aim to minimise the number of different people each child comes into contact with. As such, we have decided to maintain a small, consistent group of no more than 15 children, as recommended by the government and just one staff member.

Students will have their temperature taken as they enter the building at drop off. This is using an infrared thermometer (non-contact). There will also be hand sanitiser available at the front desk. Parents will not be able to enter the building, so Mrs Nicola will be seeing children in one at a time. Adults for the Tuesday class will be asked to social distance outside and Mrs Nicola will ask them to enter the studio one at a time. When class finishes, you will be asked to line up outside (socially distanced) and the children will be brought out to you.

We know this isn't very personal and hope you understand that in normal circumstances we would love to have more communication in person with parents.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- **Class numbers have been restricted**
- **All classes are in their own bubble**
- **We are keeping the room ventilated and will have a one-way system**
- **No props or instruments will be used this term**
- **The floor will be mopped at the end of each class and any bars will be wiped down**
- **Temperature checks will be taken**
- **Hand sanitiser will be at the front door, for students to use upon entering the studio**

COVID-19 guidance

This guidance follows official government advice and will be reviewed and updated as necessary. The health and safety of our staff at Pixie Studios, students, visitors and the wider community are our primary concern, and we are monitoring the situation day-by-day as it evolves.

The UK government are asking people to **help control the virus**.

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- wash hands – keep washing your hands regularly
- cover face – wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- make space – stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

Full guidance can be found on [the government website](#) and anyone concerned about their health in relation to COVID-19 should follow [Public Health England guidance](#) and contact **NHS 111** (or [NHS 111 online](#)) if the guidance advises them to do so.

Guidance on what to do if you have symptoms

Please stay at home for 14 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

This will help to protect others in our community while you are infectious.

Trusted sources of information

Please stay informed by visiting [the Government's website](#) and the following websites:

- [NHS](#)
- [Public Health England \(PHE\)](#)
- [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#)
- [Foreign and Commonwealth Office \(FCO\)](#)