

Covid-19 Policies – LtL in-school Delivery

This information is intended to keep our staff safe and minimise the risk of us spreading Covid-19 to multiple settings through our work. That said, nothing can reduce the risk to zero and we are working on a balance of benefits and risk.

LtL will be following the latest Government and World Health Organisation advice. We will promptly communicate with all LtL Trainers should any changes be required.

By 'LtL Trainers' we refer to our Employed Staff, the LtL Accredited Professional Network or any other sub-contractor working on behalf of LtL.

Underlying principles:

- **Outdoors is significantly safer (18x)** than indoors, through both airflows, reduced viral load and increased degradation through exposure to sunlight.
- Consider how to **reduce the number of pupils and adults** you meet through a working day by not visiting staff rooms or multiple classrooms etc.
- **If you are symptomatic** (such as raised temperature, persistent cough or sneezing, loss of smell/taste) you must self-isolate and inform an LtL manager immediately. You will not be at work if you have been contacted through a track and trace system.
- **Handwashing, physical distance, and facemasks** are the foundation of our system.
- Consider your overall lifestyle – meetings and activities outside of work can increase your exposure to Covid-19 risks.

Requirements for Working in Schools and Early Years:

- Consider if the work can be delivered online or if the benefits justify being in school.
- All LtL Trainers should communicate with the school or nursery, preferably the day before, to allow them to inform our **decision to go ahead, postpone or cancel**. All staff are authorised to postpone or cancel should any factor make them feel uncomfortable.
- **Face masks will be carried** but will only be used should our staff need to be indoors in busier situations. Examples include walking in corridors or in a staff room. Judgement will be used.
- LtL Trainers will **maintain physical distance** from pupils and adults where possible, indoors, and outdoors, and should remind all school participants the same. Physical distance is not just 2m from the participants.
- **Handwashing** is recommended before and after each session in school, ideally with soapy water by may also be using hand-gel. All LtL Trainers will carry their own facemask, hand-gel, and some soap for their own use only.
- Contact points are a concern for spreading of the virus. LtL Trainers should be aware of **'high touch points'** such as bags they carry, door handles, seats and pens. These points should be the focus of any cleaning or avoidance.
- Generally, cleaning of porous, flexible, or 'awkward' materials is likely ineffective. A combination of **cleaning equipment** with soap & water or 24hr **quarantining of equipment** is to be used.
- **Large scale outdoor areas** (grass, trees, tarmac etc) are not to be cleaned, in line with World Health Organisation guidance, as it is unlikely to be effective and may cause more issues of human and environment health.

Numbers of Adults

We are limited to:

- 30 Adults MAXIMUM outdoors, we would PREFER 15 or less.



- One class of pupils and three adults, outdoors.

Please think in terms of reducing bubble sizes, rather than how can I maximise.

Additional resources

LtL Trainers may require additional resources at this time. This will include as a minimum:

- Carry their own refreshments and lunch, including cutlery, mug etc.
- A handwashing / hygiene kit for personal use including washable face masks, hand gel, soap and wipes. Note that schools should be supplying this to pupils and staff.

Duplicate equipment for activities may be required, should they need to be quarantined between group usage. This will rely on a combination of careful programming, schools having their own equipment supplied through our programme, or a combination of cleaning or quarantining.

References for this policy

This link will be updated regularly, therefore this is probably the best link to monitor for new advice or specific wording.

We have referenced World Health Organisation, UK Government and Scottish Government. It is recommended that any further recommendations or information you hear is corroborated with a good initial source, such as those we link to here:

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/school-grounds-hygiene-and-cleaning-advice/>

Support from LtL

We are aware that this is both a stressful time and a fluid situation. LtL Trainers and Customers will always have access to a Learning through Landscapes manager to discuss any concerns, queries or unusual situations at this time.

If our trainers have good reason to feel uncomfortable in a school or nursery situation because of Covid19 concerns, they are supported in deciding to postpone or cancel. They will inform an LtL Manager and School Manager immediately.

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