



Covid-19 Policy - Holiday Camps 2020

We at The Strings Club Head Office are working hard to ensure thousands of children have the chance to enjoy our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camps this Summer.

That's why we hope to have a number of our Holiday Camps up and running by wc 27th July - ready to offer only the very best in childcare and music.

This document is to remain under constant review due to the fast-changing nature of Department for Education (DfE)/government guidance in response to the challenges posed by coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore this document will be reviewed on a regular basis.

We have created this policy taking into account various articles created by Public Health England and the Department for Education. Please find handy links below.

- [Public Health England](#)
- [Coronavirus: Implementing Protective Measures in Education and Childcare Settings](#)
- [Actions for Education and Childcare Settings to Prepare for Wider Opening](#)

We are aware that parents have been juggling working and childcare. We want to support both you and your child this summer. How?

- You - By offering you some time to work or to have some well-deserved breathing space.
- Your child? By continuing to inspire and educate them - all in a safe, rewarding environment.

We aim for our Holiday Camps to be similar in nature with our morning "Learn Together, Play Together" instrumental lessons alongside our carefully-created afternoon workshops. As always every day will be wonderfully different and each week will include a new theme.

We most probably will not be able to have our Grand End of Week concerts however we are working to ensure these may be available online via Zoom should there be demand by parents. We will also have restricted numbers (see below) alongside key social distancing.

How are we at The Strings Club putting protective measures in place?

We are working incredibly hard to ensure that our Holiday Camps are continuously adhering to government guidelines.

Before the Holiday Camp:

- At the point of booking, we ask all customers to declare that they or their child have not been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or if they have been self-isolating for 14 days.



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- Parents will receive an “Essential Info” pack one week before with full information on their booking
- Children will receive a child-friendly “Top Tips” guide to put them at ease too.
- Our Head Office will be open 8am- 6pm every day should you have any questions

During the Holiday Camp:

- We ask that only one parent/carer (key person) drops off/ picks up their child and arrives on time.
- No parents will be allowed into the building during drop off and pick up.
- Our Holiday Camp Manager will sign your child in and out.
- Additional cleaning measures will be implemented throughout the day to ensure the highest standards of hygiene are maintained at all times.
- Golden rules will be discussed during our morning warmup games that will remind children of the use of our “Sanitation Stations” available in every room. We will discuss the importance of use of hand gel and soap, alongside the using and disposing of tissues.
- Children will be organised into “bubble” groups of no more than 15 children, with a minimum of 2 team members at all times.
- No “bubbles” will be able to interact and it will be the same team members and children throughout the week.
- “Bubbles” will be determined via the time of childcare needed. For example, we are anticipating having “bubble 1 - 8am - 6pm” and “bubble 2 - 09:30am - 4pm). This will also be dependent on the venue. See our Blog for the latest information.
- Children will only be able to access particular zones throughout the day.
- Social distancing measures will also be a rule set in line for when children are sitting and playing - during either child-initiated and adult-led activities plus lunchtime and break time.
- Children will not be able to take an instrument home this Summer.
- Children will be allocated their own instrument for the week alongside their own stationary and other necessary resources.

Team Members working for The Strings Club

- All team members will receive face to face training before working at our Holiday Camps. This will include recognising signs of COVID-19 and what to do should a child or another team member show such symptoms.
- Every team member will need to complete a Health Screen Questionnaire declaring if they have been in contact with anyone infected with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.



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After our Holiday Camps (Daily)

We ask that children:

- Do not wear the same clothes every day to ensure any cross-contamination.
- Have a thorough wash upon getting home from our Holiday Camps

We ask that parents:

- Check our daily newsletter at 6pm for our latest updates including what your child has been up to, pictures (if photo consent agreed) and what we will be doing tomorrow alongside our downloadable weekly timetable.

Use of PPE

- PPE will be available for team members to wear if they choose to.
- Children are also welcome to wear gloves or face masks if they wish to.

What will we do if someone develops/shows symptoms at our Holiday Camp?

If anyone becomes unwell or develops any [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 during the day, they should be sent home and advised to follow the [staying at home guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a designated room where they can be isolated behind a closed door. Ideally, a window will be opened for ventilation. The team member supervising the child will wear PPE and the area will be deep cleaned once the child has been collected.

If a team member has helped someone who has been taken unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for a minimum of 60 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell and remove and dispose of their PPE.

We would also **report any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)** to the local **Public Health England (PHE) Health Protection team** on **0300 303 8162** (press Option 1, Option 1).

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