



## COVID-19 POLICY

Our maiden mindCraft Summer Camp brings children a wonderful experience through hands-on activities.

However, even outside, it is still important to take steps to help prevent sharing germs. Small groups of campers prioritizing outdoor activities, staying together all day, each day, remaining at least 6 ft apart, not sharing objects and are from the same local geographic area are at low risk of contracting the virus.

According to the CDC, having activities outdoors with more fresh air and room to spread out, can lower the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Cheeky Monkey Club recognises that careful planning is essential in order to keep campers and our staff safe, and to limit the spread of coronavirus/Covid-19, within our setting. Accordingly, we have conducted a thorough **Covid-19 Risk Assessment** and will review this on a monthly basis as well as whenever government guidance changes.

The following protocols will be enforced and observed during camp time. These apply to everyone attending camp - staff, campers and families dropping/picking up campers.

### **Covid-19 symptoms**

Covid-19 is a viral, respiratory disease, which is spread from person to person by close contact. It typically causes fever and a dry cough, and in some cases may progress to viral pneumonia which cannot be treated by antibiotics. Symptoms of Covid-19 can include:

Dry cough	Sore throat
Fever (high temperature)	Tiredness
Difficulty breathing	Loss of taste and smell

The initial symptoms are similar to colds and flu-type illnesses, but the combination of a recent onset of fever and a new continuous cough seem to be present in many cases of Covid-19. However, it is important to be aware that in some cases the symptoms may be very mild or even non-existent, especially in children.

### **Procedure for infection or suspected infection**

- Any camper who becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated from the other campers until they can be collected by their parent/carer. If the child becomes seriously ill, we will call **112** for immediate assistance.
- If a child or member of staff has suspected symptoms of Covid-19, they will be sent home and must follow the Government guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infection. This includes self-quarantine and taking a Covid-19 test.
- Most suspected cases of Covid-19 turn out to be negative, so camp will remain open unless or until advised otherwise by the local health authorities. Parents and staff will be informed.
- If children or staff experience any symptoms of Covid-19 they must not attend the camp until all symptoms have passed and they feel well.

## Infection control

Like the common cold and flu viruses, Covid-19 is spread by:

- Infected people passing the virus to others through large droplets when coughing, sneezing, or even talking within a close distance.
- Direct contact with an infected person: for example, if you shake or hold their hand, and then touch your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands.
- Touching objects (e.g. door handles, handrails etc) that have previously been touched by an infected person, then touching your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands. Viruses can survive longer on hard surfaces than on soft or absorbent surfaces.

We will take the following steps to reduce the risk of catching or spreading Covid-19 during camp:

### Hygiene

- Automated handwashing and sanitizer stations with easy access for frequent use will be supplied. Staff and campers will be reminded to wash their hands regularly throughout the session, especially after using the toilet, before and after eating and after coughing or sneezing.
- Disposable paper towels will be available in all handwashing facilities and these will be disposed of, in a lidded bin, immediately after use.
- We will encourage good respiratory hygiene amongst staff and campers by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Daily temperature screening and regular symptom checking of all staff and campers.
- Campers will have dedicated toilet facilities during the camp period. With no changing facilities available on site and to minimise contact areas, we are unable to cater to non-potty-trained children at this time.
- Children will not be allowed to bring toys or games from home, and we ask that they bring only essential items with them to camp.
- We will discourage children from touching their faces as well as from touching each other.

### Protective equipment

- Social distancing of at least 6ft will be observed throughout the day. Staff will wear face shields throughout the day and campers will be required to wear masks and/or face shields in situations where a safe distance of 6ft cannot be maintained.
- Instructors (including swim instructors) will teach with face shields at all times to create a protective barrier between campers and instructors. Swimmers will not be required to wear face masks/shields during this swim lessons/pool play.

### Cleaning

- We will ensure that frequently touched points, such as handles, railings, playground equipment etc, will be particular areas of focus for increased cleaning. All play equipment will be sanitised before and after each use.
- Toilets and sinks will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each use and at 45-minute intervals while camp is in session.
- Pool chlorine levels (>2ppm) will be constantly monitored and maintained. According to the CDC, chlorine is a highly effective disinfectant which maintained at the proper levels, will inactivate any live virus.

### Arrivals and departures

- Drop-offs and pick-ups will be at the gate only. Parents/carers dropping off children may only drop off here and will not be permitted beyond this area. Please proceed to queue up in your car while you await drop-off or collection. A Camp Assistant will attend to you.
- Camp Assistants will electronically sign campers in and out daily in the presence of parents/carers to minimise contact areas and avoid sharing pens.

### Activity planning

- We have planned activities that minimise contact between children.
- All activities will take place outdoors in wide open spaces.

### Food

- Lunch coupons are available for pre-orders at GHS20 per day. Campers may bring their own lunches or order lunch 48hrs ahead. Weekly menus will be provided every Friday.
- There will be two snack times and full day campers are encouraged to bring two snacks. Free fruits will be available for campers to snack on as they wish.
- There is absolutely no sharing of food and children will be well spaced apart while eating.

### Promoting good practice

We will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

- Ensure that all staff have received training in, and understand, our new procedures.
- Display posters and information to promote infection control.
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available daily.
- Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically.
- Be flexible enough to make any necessary adjustments as the public health situation demands.

While we make every effort to greatly reduce the risk of transmission, we kindly encourage parents and carers to continue to extend further care outside of camp times. Below are some recommendations;

- Parents and carers are encouraged to limit the number of settings their children attend as far as possible and ideally to ensure children attend the same setting consistently.
- If you, your child or someone in your household is unwell, is exhibiting coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have been advised to self-isolate, please notify us immediately and do **not** attend camp.
- We advise parents/carers not to gather at the entrances during drop offs/pick-ups. We will be operating a strictly drop/pick and go system at the club's entrance. Please remain in your car upon arrival and a Camp Assistant will attend to you.
- Where possible, avoid using public transport to arrive at camp. If staff and campers have to use public transport, they need to wear facemasks, and should use hand sanitiser before entering and upon leaving the transport.

### Camp closure

In the event that we have a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 associated with camp, we may need to close if advised to do so by the local health authorities in order to limit the spread of the virus.

If the Club needs to close, the Camp Director will notify parents as soon as possible.

### Useful contacts

Camp Director (Asha) : 0244 230 386  
GHS COVID 19 Emergency Response : 112 | 055 843 9868 | 050 949 7700

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