

Welcome back to Skylight Circus Arts.

We have made a few changes at Skylight to enable us to re-open in a safe way and welcome you back. Not all classes will be resuming immediately but will be gradually rolled out over the coming weeks, please bear with us during this process. Over the summer we have worked hard to make sure that our building is "COVID-19 secure" in line with government guidelines. We have also revised our working/teaching methods to help keep service users and staff safe, some of the changes will be more apparent than others. One of the biggest changes we have had to make is to group sizes. To allow us to maintain social distancing during our sessions we are now operating on a maximum of 12 participants per group, plus staff. This unfortunately means that some of the existing groups have had to be split up into smaller groups. Below are some of the changes we have made to how we will be working, please read them so that you know what to expect.

Before coming to Skylight

- Anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, such as a raised temperature, a new persistent cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, should stay at home. We will be checking temperatures with a contactless thermometer at the door, anyone with a temperature above 37.8c will not be allowed into the building.
- Our kitchen is currently closed to public use so participants must provide their own drinks where necessary.
- Skylight staff will be wearing face coverings for meeting & greeting and when supporting participants where a 2m distance cannot be maintained. Participants over the age of 11 are welcome to wear a face covering if they want to but due to the physical nature of our activities they are not required to do so.

On arrival

- We can no longer allow people to congregate in the foyer so participants will be asked to wait outside the front door until the start of their session. Please do not arrive too early and whilst waiting please observe the 2m social distancing rule.
- Due to the reduced numbers allowed in the building, we are sorry to tell parents and carers that you will have to drop your child at the door. Please do not leave until they have been let in and had their temperature checked.
- Once inside the building all participants will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the hall. We have installed a number of sanitising stations around the building and regular use of these is encouraged.
- Unfortunately we do not have the facilities for contactless payment methods so fees will be collected in cash at the start of each session. Please try to bring the correct change if at all possible.

During sessions

- As difficult as it is, social distancing should be observed at all times. Due to close-contact working being avoided at the present time, not all activities/equipment are in use. This is constantly being reviewed as we develop new ways of doing things.
- Participants should not share equipment with each other. We have bought lots of new circus toys over the summer so there is plenty of equipment to go around. Once a piece of equipment has been used it will be placed in one of our new quarantine boxes to await

cleaning. All our equipment has been thoroughly cleaned before being put in the storeroom ready for use.

- After each different activity throughout the session, participants will be encouraged to sanitise their hands before moving on to the next activity.

Leaving

- To prevent different groups coming into contact with each other we are now operating a one way entry/exit system in the building. Participants will now leave via the fire doors at the rear of the building to be collected. Can parents and carers please wait on the car park for their child and remember to keep a safe distance apart.
- After each session Skylight staff will carry out a thorough clean of the hall and used equipment ready for the next group.

A short video showing some of these new ways of doing things has been uploaded onto our Facebook page and can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/skylightcircusarts/videos/414879866210580/?t=5>

We are continually revising our working practices to adhere to the latest local and national restrictions and guidelines so some of the above may change at any time. If you have any queries, comments or suggestions on our new ways please feel free to talk to us about them.

We look forward to seeing you soon.