

Cobnor Activities Centre Trust : 2020 Summer Activities

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You are receiving this email because you have booked a place for your child at Cobnor this Summer. Please ensure you read this information carefully, both to support you and to enable Cobnor Activities Centre Trust (CACT) to provide a positive and safe experience for your child/children this summer.

We continue to follow and monitor the latest **Government advice for Out of School Clubs** which has had a number of changes in the last few days and weeks. This advice covers all our Summer 2020 Multi-Activity, Sailing activities and Day camp programmes. More details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

What are we offering?

Unless the advice changes again, we will be offering summer activity programmes from Monday 20th July for the main summer holiday period, abiding by both the UK Government and our Sporting National governing bodies advice.

You may notice a few changes across the Centre, some of which will be temporary, others of which will stay with us a lot longer. Whilst we've unfortunately had to cancel our summer residential programmes for children, we will continue to offer a limited number of Multi-Activity day camps, RYA sailing courses, Canoe and Kayak hire and our family adventure days.

No Sailing for Multi-Activity Camps

Due to the restrictions of the legislation and guidance from the government and national governing bodies, we are unable to provide introductory and taster sailing sessions on our multi-activity courses, as we cannot place 2 or more people in one boat. This breaches the social distancing rules plus, we truly believe, that modifying our taster sessions further will not create our usual safe-learning and fun environment.

CACT 'Activity Bubbles'

All Children joining our summer activities need to be booked in advance via our website to ensure we have your correct information. This is in line with our normal summer procedures and recognises the importance of keeping children in the same groups for the whole time they are with us. We are reducing the group sizes from 12 to no more than 10 per "activity bubble". We will be preventing the mixing with children in other activity bubbles, therefore reducing any potential transmission risk.

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This information and guidance is to be in used in conjunction with our standard activity information to include:

- Terms and conditions
- Medical consent forms (to be completed in advance of activity)
- Activities kit list

Social distancing

Throughout the day we will be keeping to the advised two-metre social distancing rule, even during activities. We have adapted our activities to incorporate this guidance and to further reduce possible transmission risk.

Please remember to bring a facemask and hand sanitiser

We request that all children bring a personal face covering and a small bottle of personal hand sanitiser in the event that the 1m rule needs to be breached.

Parents need to be aware that the 1m rule may need to be breached in the event of an incident, accident or where the child needs support. In the event of such occasion, both staff and child will be required to wear their facemasks so the issue can be resolved.

Due to government guidance and legislation all non-essential indoor spaces will be closed to participants. This includes our communal changing rooms, larger halls and offices. All our toilets will be open throughout the day for 'activity bubbles'.

Sanitation of surfaces and provision of toilets and changing facilities

The washing of hands has proven to be the most effective way to control and combat the virus. Children will be required to sanitise their hands on entering the site and before leaving the site at the end of the day. CACT instructors will be ensuring their activity bubbles regularly wash their hands, before and after each activity.

Our toilets will be open throughout the day however there is **no access** to our showers or communal changing rooms. We advise all children to shower when returning home, as they will be taking part in our watersports activities in the harbour.

Changing facilities will be provided. We have commissioned at great length a number of portable loos to use as changing rooms for the summer period, which will provide **an individual personal changing cubicle**, which will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Children will be encouraged to use toilets in smaller groups, whilst still maintaining their activity bubbles. These toilets and other areas, where children may come into contact, will be regularly cleaned. This will include all equipment (canoes, kayaks, sailing boats and paddles, buoyancy aids, helmets and wetsuits) which will be cleaned in mild disinfectant.

ARRIVAL

All arrivals will take place in our activity field, which is on the left halfway down the approach road to CACT.

All parents must stay in their cars

On arrival you will be met by an instructor who will direct you to a car parking space. We request that all parents stay in their cars and children sign themselves in at the information desk with the appropriate medical consent forms.

Each child will be allocated an activity bubble which will be associated with a colour, each individual child will be given a coloured coded wristband, which they are to keep for the whole week. These wristbands are colour-coded to signify their activity bubble and quickly identify where that child should be at any given time.

Wristbands to be worn at all times

The wristbands are made of silicon and can be washed or immersed in water. It is imperative that your child returns each day with their wristband as this will speed up the signing in and support the activity bubble process. Should a child attend the camp without their colour-coded band and additional band will be given, however a £4 charge will be made.

Once the medical consent form has been checked the parent guardian will be able to leave for the day.

Should there be a need to discuss an aspect of the week with a member of staff, please can this be done by telephone before your arrival, as this will assist us to focus on the logistics of people arriving and prevent and reduce any potential transmission. No adult will be allowed to enter the activity zone or leave their car to reduce any possible potential transmission.

Your Arrival Time will change after Day 1

Please be aware that for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday arrival and departure times will change. You will be notified of these changes on the first day of your programme. Once again, this is to better manage the flow of people and the impact on the Centre.

DEPARTURE

When you arrive to pick up your child, you will be met by a member of the staff team and be asked to park in an allocated spot. Please wait for your child to come to the car. Should there be a need to speak to a member staff, please highlight this at the earliest convenience and a member of staff will come to the car. We request that, should you wish to speak to a member of staff, you wear a face mask or covering. This is to reduce any possible potential transmission.

We truly appreciate your support and perseverance in these challenging times. Your continued support for Cobnor Activities Centre Trust - a registered charity - is welcomed as we face a daunting and challenging future.