

PARC Reopening Guidelines

Good News!

We are very excited that we are allowed to open for our Summer holiday scheme. We would like to thank you for your patience and all your support over the last few months.

Before we can re-open we will be undertaking full risk-assessments so we can do our best to ensure the safety of our children, their families and our staff. As this is a pandemic, we will not be able to guarantee that your child or our team will not encounter someone who may be infected with Covid 19. We will take extensive steps to minimise the risk and provide you with as much information as we can, however the final decision whether to send your child to PARC lies with you as a parent.

You may notice some changes in our provision going forward but PARC is still the friendly and supportive place your children know and love.

We look forward to welcoming back our PARC children very soon.



Summer Holiday Sessions



As we have been working on our opening plan, we have decided to make some changes to our Summer Holiday scheme.

We will no longer be able to offer half day morning or afternoon sessions, and instead will be offering one 4 to 5 hour session per day. This is so that we are able to ensure that all measures are working efficiently and our staff can spend extra time before and during sessions to adhere to the guidelines and keep our children as safe as possible.

All our activities will also be in-house activities and unfortunately, for now, we are unable to invite external workshops and activities in. However, we will still be able to make our sessions great fun and look forward to seeing many of our children back at PARC. A large proportion of the time at PARC will be spent outside, making use of our excellent outside facilities and the Great Notley Country Park.

Bubble System

We have reduced our session sizes to only 10 children per session, which is in line with the government guidelines of a maximum of 15 children. This measure has been taken for the safety of our children and the staff.

We are aware that social distancing may not be a possibility all the time and that many children will not be able to stay apart when they are playing.

To mitigate this we will be operating a 'bubble system' as demonstrated by the schools in recent weeks,

whereby, the children in our Vulnerable, Whizzy and Youth Club sessions will be kept separate and have their own 1:1 staff.

The 1:1 staff members and team leaders will not be mixing in other 'bubbles' to the very best of our abilities.

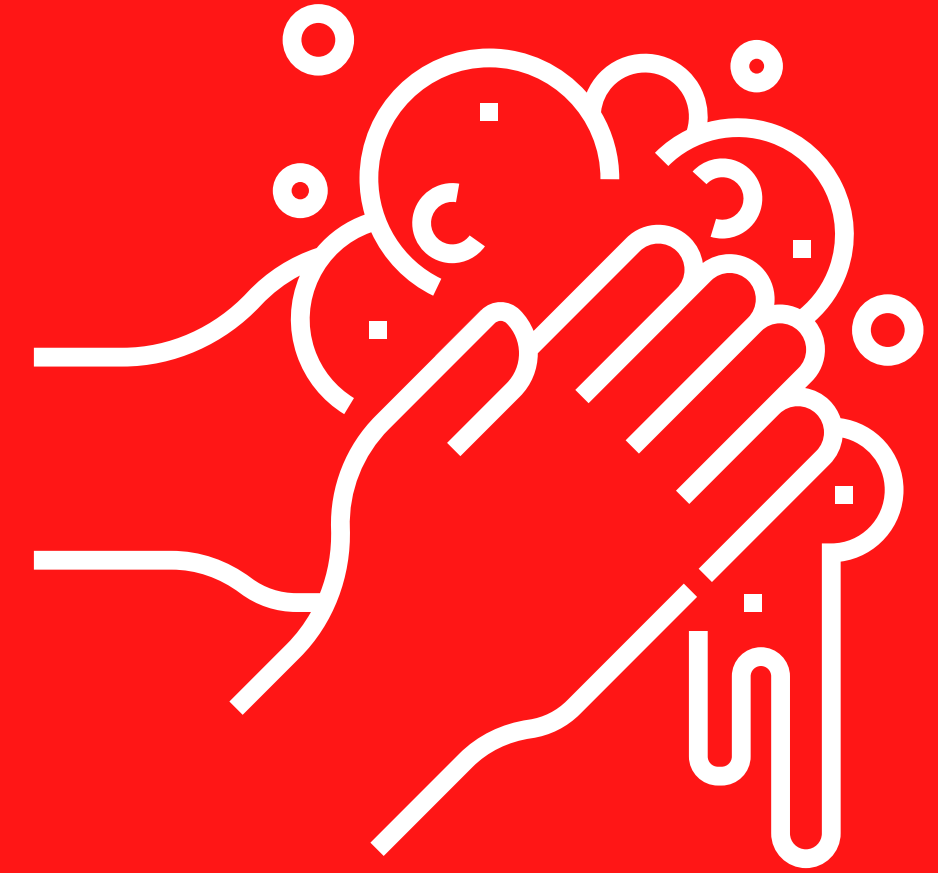
Our staff will be adhering to social distancing wherever possible and we have introduced a one-way system around the centre, with added signage and floor markers to help everyone.



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PERSONAL HYGIENE

We will continue to encourage children to regularly wash their hands, including when arriving at the centre, before eating and before going home. We have purchased additional supplies to facilitate this.



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NEW CLEANING REGIME

At PARC we have always taken hygiene very seriously and our cleaning regimes have been very robust. We will be introducing additional measures including having additional staff on hand to regularly clean touch points and the toilets. Once all children have left, we will also sanitise all areas, ready for the next day.

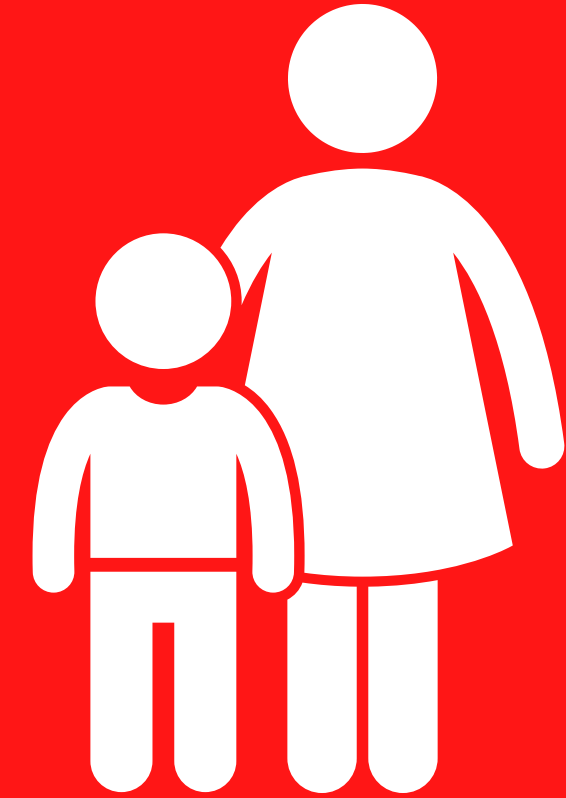
Unfortunately, we have had to clear away most of the toys, soft toys and books for now, as these items are difficult to keep clean.



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PARENTS AND VISITORS

Unfortunately, for the time being we are unable to welcome parents and visitors into the building. You will get an opportunity to speak to the staff when you drop off your child, or alternatively, please phone in or email any queries.



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SNACKS AND DRINKS

As your child or young person will be spending a few hours with us, we would ask you to provide them with a drink, a snack or some lunch. Please ensure this keeps well, without the need to be refrigerated. We would also like to ask you to provide the food and drink in a hard plastic container, so we can sanitise it upon arrival.



What's Next?

We have opened our booking system and would like you to book your child in to the sessions you would like them to attend.



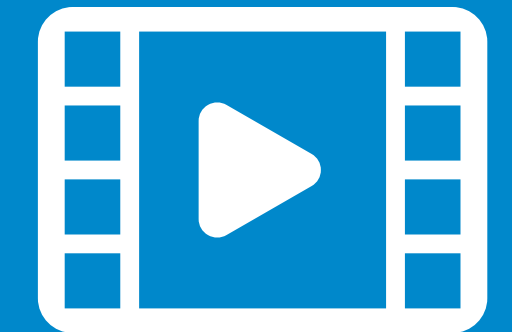
We will then contact you to inform you of the sessions your child has booked in to and how you will be able to pay for those session. We would like to request that all sessions are paid for before attending to reduce the time spent on our site.



You will be asked to sign a document to confirm that your child or no one in your family is currently suffering from COVID-19 symptoms. At this stage we will also ask for your commitment to tell us as soon as this changes. Please ensure that we have your correct contact details.



Prior to opening, we will send out a video to show to your child or young person which highlights some of the changes within PARC, but also to see that it is still the fun place it used to be.



Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child is still shielding or I just don't think it is safe enough for them to attend?

We realise that not everyone will be able attend our sessions just yet and we would like to assure you that they have not been forgotten about.

We will be continuing our interactive videos on our YouTube channel and Facebook and, in the future, would also like to do some live video sessions. This facility will be available to all our service users and we hope you are able to enjoy them as much as possible.



Whilst we look forward to welcoming you back very soon, we fully understand and appreciate that the final decision lies with you, the parent or care provider.

Thank you to all our PARC Service Users for your support and understanding.

