

Children's Work Procedures in light of Covid-19

Key for all groups...

- Parental consent must be confirmed (verbal is sufficient) as parents remain ultimately responsible for their children in terms of the effects and spread of Covid-19.
- No child or adult is allowed in any children's group if any member of their household has symptoms of Covid-19 i.e. a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of / change in sense of taste / smell.
- If any child or adult develops symptoms of Covid-19 while in crèche, they must go home immediately.
- While the 'rule of six' does not affect any children's groups and it is understood that it is very hard to keep young children socially distanced, the following procedures seek to prevent unnecessary risks.
- Remember 'the rule of six' applies to children and helpers before and after their led group times.
- Leaders and parents should report back to Mikey any feedback or suggested changes to the procedure.

Arrivals

- Please make use of hand sanitizer and handwashing facilities as you enter.
- During drop-off and collection, please avoid congestion on the stairs or in the entrance to any of the rooms. Please wait for others to leave or form a queue if necessary.
- Parents and leaders should keep at least 1m distance from each other and all other adults outside their household wherever possible.
- Leaders and parents should wear face coverings for drop-off and collection.

Crèche (0-4s)

- Numbers will be limited to prevent overly close crowding - a maximum of 2 leaders plus up to 4 mobile children and/or 6 children in total. If there are more children than this (or if leaders deem it too crowded), some parents will be asked to look after their own children in a separate room upstairs, unless 2 other cleared leaders can be found to form a 2nd crèche in a different room (if safe, given we only have one stair gate).
- Once parents have left, face coverings are not recommended for leaders as misuse can increase the risk of transmission, and it can prohibit communication. Crèche children should not wear face coverings.
- Parents are encouraged to bring their own toys, books, crayons etc for their children, which can be easily cleaned afterwards (i.e. not soft toys). If necessary, parents can select specific items for the children from St Nick's (which are always quarantined midweek), but no communal toys will be laid out.
- Leaders should lay out the items for each household's children in a different area of the room and encourage children accordingly where possible.
- Leaders will seek to prevent children from different households touching each other where possible.
- The hands of children and leaders should be kept clean with antibacterial wipes and washing or sanitizing.
- If families prefer not to use the crèche, we will try to provide a private room for the family upstairs.

Sunday School (5-10s)

- Numbers will be limited to prevent overly close crowding - a maximum of 2 leaders plus up to 6 children.
- Leaders will seek to avoid cross-contaminating activities.
- Face coverings are not recommended for leaders as misuse can increase the risk of transmission, and it can prohibit communication. Sunday School children should not wear face coverings.
- If parents want to keep their children with them in the main meeting, craft sheets can be provided.

Youth (11-18s)

- Numbers will be limited to prevent overly close crowding - a maximum of 2 leaders plus up to 8 children, unless a larger space can be found e.g. downstairs or outside.
- Leaders will seek to avoid cross-contaminating activities.
- Face coverings should be worn by all except for anyone leading or assisting discussion.
- Leaders will enable any youth not present to join remotely via video conferencing.

This guidance is based on a risk assessment, having reflected on the latest government and church guidance.

If you have any questions, or would like to see our risk assessment, please speak to Mikey or email mikey@snca.co.uk