

Covid-19 Coronavirus Policy:



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**** Please note ** Places will be at a premium this summer as we are guided by the Government's blueprint for safe delivery of camps based on teacher/pupil ratios and the need to keep our camp 'bubbles' at the correct number.**

ABC Sports Clubs falls into the category of an 'Early Years Childcare Provider'. Based on the current guidelines and after careful consideration and consultation, we have made the decision to run our Tennis and Ultimate Frisbee Summer Camps, with special measures being implemented to safeguard ourselves and our children as much as is within our control, from any threats posed by COVID-19.

This COVID-19 policy temporarily supersedes all previous policies and will remain in place and continue to be updated as the UK Government releases new information.

Please read the information included in this policy carefully. Should you have any questions, or wish to receive further information on any of our policies or procedures please email abcsportsclubs@gmail.com

By booking and sending your child to one of our camps, you are aware of the risks involved and agree to our terms and conditions.

By booking your child onto any of our camp days, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this COVID-19 policy ("Policy").

Drop off and Collection

Wherever possible, we ask that one parent/ responsible adult brings the child to and from the camp to minimise the number of adults congregating at drop off and collection. Our camp times will remain the same for each day; 9am-12pm for morning camp and 1pm-4pm for afternoon camp. We will be adopting a 1 in, 1 out process and would like parents to queue with two-metre social distancing in mind. Tape and signs will remind parents on arrival and we will do our best to keep the waiting time to a minimum.

Drop off and collection points should already have been communicated to you upon signing up to the camp, however, if you are uncertain as to where to go, please do not hesitate in contacting us at abcsportsclubs@gmail.com

**** IMPORTANT**** Parents will not be required to physically sign their child out in the form of a signature. It is imperative that you provide us with the password **'ABC Ultimate**

Camp' to the camp coach present at the sign in desk, who will then ask for your name and sign your child in themselves to avoid you having to bring your own pen along and to avoid the risk of cross-contamination.

Please note - without this password, your child will not be allowed onto the camp for safeguarding reasons, so please be sure to make note of the password prior to arriving at camp.

Please follow the social distancing and traffic flow signs at both our camp venues to prevent close proximity meetings with other parents and children as they arrive and pick up.

To minimise the spread of germs to our coaches and your children, please ask your children to greet our staff with a smile and a wave, rather than embracing or high fiving or any other contact-based greeting.

Groups and Ratios: Camp 'Bubbles'

On arrival, your child will be placed into a group (based on ages, siblings and/or ability with no more than 7 others and they will remain in this group all week.

We will do our absolute utmost to ensure your children are placed in the group they wish to be in but cannot guarantee this will be the case for every child. Each group will have a name and an allocated space within which their camp activities will take place, to ensure social distancing is adhered to. Each group of 5 or 6 children will have a camp coach for all activities during their day. Parents are not able to request to change groups nor are children able to change groups after the camp begins.

Each group will be made aware of the space that they can occupy without coming into contact with any other groups.

Camp Assembly

After all the children have arrived and have been made aware of the group they belong to, before activities start, we will give a brief assembly to explain the set-up of the day to the children and advise of all handwashing, toilet and water refilling procedures.

Any time the groups are brought together for instruction and from assembly onwards throughout the day, children will be seated at least two meters apart from each other for including for our short ten-minute introduction and welcome.

Cleaning & Toilets

Our toilet access procedure is as follows:

- Clean touch points and toilets at start of day
- 1 coach to take their bubble to the toilets in a group.
- All to wash hands thoroughly and once outside to use hand sanitiser again
- Coach to then wipe down all touch points with disinfectant
- Other coaches then able to take their bubbles in and follow same routine

- At end of day, toilets to be cleaned once again

At some venues, there are NO TOILET facilities planned at our camps due to local policies and procedures at our host venues, therefore our camps only last 3 hours. Please note, this may change as we continue to work closely with the local clubs/organisations to open them up, however we expect it to remain this way at this stage.

At the camps, each group will be allocated their own designated sports equipment, which will be cleaned before each group starts a new activity in the event of sports equipment needing to be shared. We will not ask your children to help with this process in case of skin irritations and because some of the disinfectant sprays we will be using are flammable and carry strict safety guidelines specifying that children under 16 should not use these products. Because of the time this may take, after each activity, there will be a short break, while the camp coach cleans the equipment ready for the next group. Children are kindly reminded to stay within their camp bubble and refrain from touching the equipment while it is being cleaned. During this cleaning time, your children may get a drink and/or snack which they may bring with them, but please provide them with a pre-labelled waterproof bag to place their personal items in and ensure your children know to place their personal belongings in the designated area for their bubble at all times when not in use. For more details, please see paragraph entitled 'Personal Belongings'.

Children will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes after each activity throughout the day to avoid the spread of germs. If your child is allergic to any form of hand sanitiser or soap please inform the office by emailing abcsportsclubs@gmail.com

Door handles will be disinfected at the start and end of each camp, but doors to tennis courts will be left open to minimise the potential of the spread of germs. Bins have been changed to lidded and will be emptied halfway through the day by our camp supervisors.

Before Your Children Attend Camp

Please brief your children that they are unable to hug/touch other children (unless siblings). Let them know what they are likely to expect at camp, so they don't feel uneasy when attending.

We are sure you are already doing so but please remind your children of good general hygiene and respiratory hygiene, (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it). This will help us ensure that we're all working together to minimise the risk of spreading germs.

Please ensure your children wear different sports wear each day to minimise the threat of the virus being carried on clothing and lying dormant. The Government's advice is that all children attending sporting activities should be bathed after strenuous activity to ensure they could not be carrying the virus in the pores of their skin. Though I am sure this would be your normal routine, please ensure this is adhered to.

Personal Belongings

During this pandemic we kindly ask parents to ensure their children do not bring any non-essential personal belongings to camp. Items from home should only be brought to camp if it is essential to your child's wellbeing, such as sun cream, caps, hats, sunglasses and prescribed

medication. Please place water bottles/snacks in an 'easily identifiable to your child' bag with their name attached to avoid other children getting confused as to which are their own personal belongings. At the camp, please ask your children to listen carefully during the morning assembly on day 1 of the camp, where the camp supervisors will show your children where these items can be safely stored for the duration of camp.

ABC Sports Clubs Sports Staff

Throughout the duration of our summer holiday camps, only the camp coaches and camp manager will be at each venue. There will not be any additional staff members brought in to the camp to take photographs and any and all media captured of the weeks camps will be done so by the attending camp coaches/camp manager. Please note that if you DO NOT wish your child's picture to be taken and featured on our website, you have the right to opt out of this by emailing abcsportsclubs@gmail.com, titling your email '**(CHILD'S NAME) Media Ban Request**', including information such as your child's name and days they are attending, and whether you would like your child to be exempt from photos entirely, or whether you don't mind photos being taken so long as they aren't including on our ABC Tennis-UK Ltd social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and our ABC Sports Clubs media platforms including our company website and our Instagram. We promise to abide by all instructions emailed to us, specifying such requests.

Before camps start in August, each camp coach will be briefed and familiarised with the new procedures and policies that surround camp life.

Medical Intervention

All camp staff have COVID-19 specially packaged Emergency First Aid Kits upon their person, including necessary PPE to be able to attend to your child if necessary in the least scary and fastest way possible, whilst being sure to not endanger either themselves or your child. Camp staff will all be asked to sanitise their hands before entering and exiting the premises (at the start and end of the day) as well as at break times and after finishing using sports equipment. They will also be advised to set up while children are not in the vicinity.

Activities

We have worked hard to ensure that all camp activities can remain fun and familiar to the children ensuring they have a great time during their day at camp! Any close contact sports have been temporarily removed from our timetable and have been replaced with an alternative sport that does not require the sharing of facemasks or involve close proximity interaction.

Attendance

As much as we would love to see all children at camp, if you feel your child(ren) fall into any of the following categories, we must insist that they **do not** attend camp:

- Any children classed as 'vulnerable' who have been asked to shield.
- Any children living with parents/grandparents/siblings that are classed as vulnerable and are shielding.
- Any children with severe asthma or weakened respiratory immune systems.
- Any children exhibiting any of the recognised symptoms of Coronavirus/COVID-19, such as a runny nose, a new continuous cough, a high temperature, bout of sickness, diarrhoea, a loss of your normal sense of smell or taste.
- Any children who have come in to contact with a family member or member of the public who they have since been informed is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and thus there is a need for them to begin shielding.

Illness and Absence

Anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or has displayed symptoms in the previous 7 days, or lives with someone who has displayed symptoms in the previous 14 days, should not attend camp unless they have tested negative for coronavirus.

Anyone now showing signs of coronavirus can be tested by applying for one here <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature above 37.8
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If at any point throughout the day your child starts to show signs of coronavirus while at camp, they will immediately be removed from their group into a separate isolation 'pod' under one of our specially allocated gazebos, where they will be continuously supervised at a safe distance by a member of staff in PPE. You will be contacted to collect your child as soon as possible.

Once collected please follow government guidelines and inform us of the outcome by emailing abcsportsclubs@gmail.com

If you, your child, or any of your household test positive for coronavirus once your child begins attending camp, we must be informed of these results **immediately**. Our venue hosts will need to be informed along with the parents in the same group 'bubble' as your child before the camp can continue.

If your child has been in a 'bubble' with another child that has tested positive for coronavirus we will inform you as soon as possible. At this stage, we ask that you refer to the Government guidelines for safe integration with others and regrettably, we will not be able to accept your child back to camp until they have had a negative test or completed 14 days isolation.

Camp Venues

At the moment we have had the confirmation from both of our venues, that our camps are able to operate over the summer holidays. Please be aware, that there is a possibility that this could change very last minute depending on Government advice and locally informed decisions based on potential localised COVID-19 outbreaks near or within our venues and the progression or regression of the pandemic in the coming days and weeks. We will however keep you informed of any changes that need to be made with as much notice as possible, as we remain guided by the Governmental advice we receive daily.

In all spaces that we will be using, there will be signs, floor markers and cones for guidance on handwashing, social distancing, and queuing.

Cancellation and Refunds

Under current circumstances we have created a temporary Coronavirus/COVID-19 cancellation policy until September 2020 with the possibility of extension.

You can cancel a booking up to 7 days before the first day of your booking and we will refund you all monies paid.

Changes to bookings must be given to us in writing at least 4 working days in advance. This can be done by emailing abcsportsclubs@gmail.com and informing us of any changes you would like to make. We will try to accommodate your requests wherever possible but cannot guarantee to grant every request.

If your child or a family member of the same household is diagnosed with coronavirus, we will refund your booking upon receipt of evidence of ill health, (i.e. a positive COVID-19 test).

If your child is unable to attend camp due to any other reason except coronavirus and we are notified at least 4 days before the commencement of their camp day, we will endeavour to transfer your booking free of charge to an alternative week (if available and if possible).

Should either of our venues need to close, a new venue within that area will try to be sourced if possible and all bookings transferred to the alternative venue with as much notice as possible, though we cannot guarantee this will be possible.

If the Government issues a new lockdown and we are forced to temporarily close again, you will receive a full refund.

What about the Weather?

We plan to run our camps come rain or shine and have secured 3 large gazebos/marqueses which will be erected prior to each camp day and are to be used as 'bubble shelters'. Within this space, games and activities can still take place and there will be a range of wet weather activities your children can join in with in the event of extreme weather halting outdoor play. Whilst we hope this will not need to happen, we cannot control our wonderful British

summertime weather with the best will in the world, so will ensure alternative activities are in place in case of bad weather.

Please do ensure your children bring waterproof coats and suitable clothing to accommodate all weather types (hopefully other than snow!).

Contact Details

Should you wish to get in touch with us for any reason about the policy or camp attendance please contact us via email, addressed to Ben and Matt on:

abcsportsclubs@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming your children to ABC Sports Club Camps this summer!

Best wishes,

Ben, Matt and Josh.