

# BRANCH OUT EDUCATION COVID-19 POLICY

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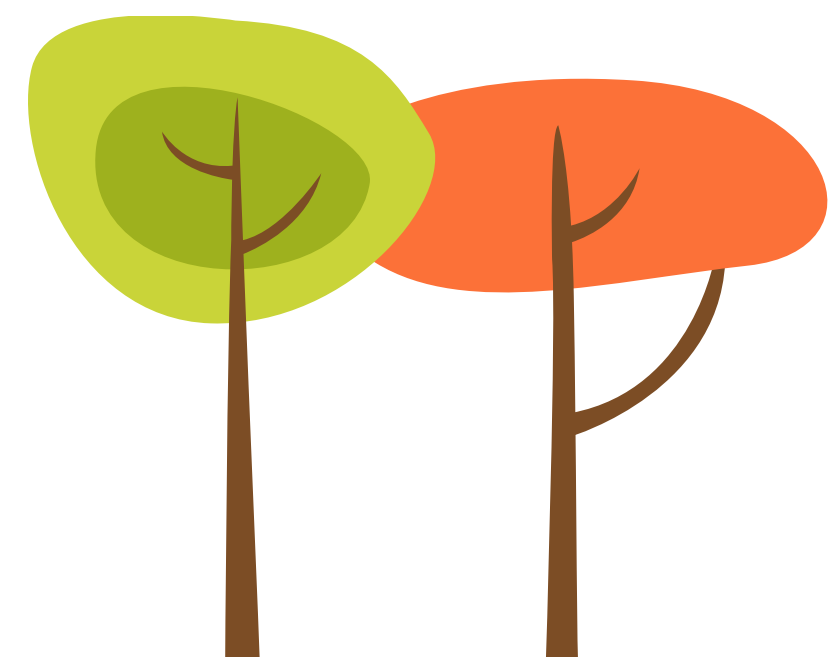
We have recently reviewed our operations procedures and dynamic risk assessment to incorporate the current government guidance to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone participating in activities with us at Branch Out Education.

We believe that being outdoors in nature can support our overall wellbeing by reducing stress, being physically active, building resilience and boosting our immune systems.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- If you have high temperature, loss of taste/ smell, or a cough please do not attend a session.
- If there is a member of your household with any of these symptoms we ask you kindly not to come to the session but are very welcome back after 14 days if symptoms have gone and no one in your household has tested positive.
- Please do not attend a session if you are on the 'vulnerable' list - this includes drop-off or pick up
- Participants to bring their own drinks/food when appropriate and own mugs to avoid mixed use
- We kindly ask everyone to sanitise their hands on arrival or at the beginning of a session and on departure
- Observe good hygiene with regular hand washing and follow the "Catch it, bin it, kill it advice".
- We will provide hand washing facilities and hand sanitiser to support this.
- We ask parents/carers with young children to support them to maintain social distancing so we can look after each other when attending a group session.
- Maximum group numbers outside of school bubbles will be 15 adults (with children under 5 years old) or 15 children.

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## STAFF

- Will complete a dynamic risk benefit assessment for each session to incorporate Covid-19 guidelines.
- Provide sanitising hand wash and water to rinse hands .
- Regularly clean frequently used surfaces and the toilet.
- Minimise shared tool use. Thorough sanitising to be done between uses if there is shared use.
- Where campfire cooking is part of a session all ingredients will be prepared in gloved hands. Any shared equipment or surfaces to be sanitised between uses.
- Support all adults to maintain social distancing whilst on-site and displaying additional signage where appropriate.
- Quarantining materials or resources e.g. rope/ hammocks for 72 hours before use between different groups.

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