

## **COVID-19 STATEMENT**

Outdoor Studios are excited to be planning a return to natural/outdoor environments, once we have all necessary guidance in place to ensure the physical safety and emotional well-being of our groups. We will follow government distancing and hygiene measures to create a vigilant but informal atmosphere and protect participants as they enjoy creative outdoor activities, which are hugely beneficial given the current climate.

We will:

- ✓ in liaison with participating schools and community groups, ensure no one participates who is showing symptoms of Covid-19, or has someone in their household who does (including those advised by NHS Test & Trace to be 'a close contact')
- ✓ If a participant starts to show symptoms of Covid-19 whilst attending a workshop, isolate them as much as possible if they are unable to return home immediately
- ✓ provide workshop leaders with adequate PPI equipment in case of the above occurring
- ✓ keep participants in small, consistent groups, ensuring numbers are kept within current Government Guidelines
- ✓ only allow groups from one school at a time, creating 'bubbles' when necessary
- ✓ monitor distancing and hygiene measures at all times
- ✓ encourage 1m social distancing at all times, minimising contact and altering environments where necessary
- ✓ encourage and provide facilities for regular hand washing/ hand sanitising, including before and after activities and before and after using toilet/washroom facilities
- ✓ limit the number of participants who can use toilet or washroom facilities at one time
- ✓ sterilise creative materials before and after the session where possible, and minimise sharing of equipment
- ✓ choose activities which encourage independent practice, reducing the time an OS Artist leader would need to spend within a participant's 1m personal space
- ✓ provide adequately spaced work stations
- ✓ in liaison with participating schools and community groups, ensure strict administration of up to date contact details and medical requirements for all participants
- ✓ regularly review this statement and accompanying risk assessment in light of government guidelines and recommendations