



Support, Help & Integration in Perthshire
for young people with additional support needs

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND BUBBLE GROUPS (COVID -19 PROTOCOL)

This document will outline the measures SHIP will take to maintain social distancing during its' services.

To minimise the risk of infection, SHIP services will be run in smaller groups. The steps outlined are to reduce the risk of cross contamination between children and staff.

- Arrival and departure times will be staggered
- Parents will not enter any buildings SHIP are using during the coronavirus outbreak
- Once a child has been signed in, they will be taken to their group and that group will endeavour to keep the children 6feet (2 meters) apart.
- Children will be encouraged to play together but a rule of not getting any closer than the children's arms reach will be enforced.

SHIP understands that, at times, social distancing may not be maintained. However, strict hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene procedures will always be maintained.

- Sessions will run for a shorter period of time than usual



- Sessions will be outdoors where possible or, if indoors, premises to be well ventilated with doors and windows open.

There will be occasions when social distancing cannot be maintained, for example carrying out personal care, assisting with snack or administering medication. In these circumstances, staff will ensure they follow strict infection control measures, wear appropriate PPE and adhere to relevant Covid-19 protocols.

SHIP will endeavour to keep all staff and children in consistent groups where possible. These groupings will continue throughout the duration of the coronavirus outbreak.

Families will be limited to how many sessions they can book.

There will be specific boxes of toys and activities for each group. These will remain with the group until the session has ended and then transferred to the cleaning zone (as set out in health and safety Covid-19 protocol)

****ALL COVID PROTOCOLS IN LINE WITH NATIONAL HEALTH SCOTLAND AND GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-physical-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings/pages/overview/>

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