



FUNSTORM: SUMMER CLUB 2021 BOOKING PERIOD OPEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find the attached programme, late collection policy and booking form for Funstorm: Summer Club 2021, running weekdays from Thursday 22nd July until Thursday 12th August (with the exception of Monday 26th July). Demand is always very high for summer club spaces, as such please expect that it is unlikely you will be allocated all the spaces you request. We do run a waiting list system in order to allocate more spaces as they become available. To be guaranteed some spaces **please be sure to return your completed and signed booking form by Friday 21st May.**

Covid-19: While national restrictions are starting to ease, the past year has shown us how unpredictable the picture can be only a few months ahead. As such we have taken the decision to keep Summer Club 2021 strictly school based again this year, with a few walks in local woodland as classes have already been accessing this safely. We hope to be able to bring back outings, extended days and the annual sleepover for Summer Club 2022. Unlike last year's summer club, we will **not** be keeping primary and secondary department students separate for summer club. This will hopefully allow families to access more spaces this year. We have taken this decision because of a number of factors: infection rates are low, national guidelines are already beginning to reflect the ability to safely mix in larger groups, almost all of our staff will have received two vaccination doses before summer club starts and as a school our own covid-19 practices and risk assessments have been in place for longer, meaning that we are able to keep risks at a manageable level. All school staff working at summer club will continue to perform twice weekly LFD tests and we will continue to closely monitor staff and students for potential symptoms and act accordingly. **As such, we ask that when your child is with us, that a parent/carer, or an alternative responsible adult, is always available to collect your child promptly from school in the case of them presenting with covid-19 symptoms.** If your child, or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms meaning that they should self-isolate then you must cancel your child's space with as much notice as possible. **Hydro Pool:** Please note that if national/local covid-19 guidance changes then we may have to close/restrict summer club access to the school hydro pool. In such cases alternative activities will be available. Refunds for swimming days past the free cancellation deadline (of Friday June 25th) will not be possible. **Positive Covid-19 Test Results:** While activities are being planned with safe practices in mind (being outside a lot, lots of hand washing and cleaning of surfaces etc) there is still the potential impact of a positive case of covid-19 amongst summer club staff/students. If this were the case, then summer club would have to close due to the fact that Rob, and potentially many other staff will work across the entirety of summer club and therefore pose a large transmission risk. Any fees paid for closed days (due to a positive covid-19 case) will be refunded.

Late Arrivals/No Shows: Over the last few summer clubs we have faced a growing problem of students arriving so late for an outing day that it risks making the outing unviable due to the impact on the arrival time at venues. We have also had on numerous occasions students not turn up as expected due to parents forgetting their bookings or forgetting to inform us they needed to cancel/their child was ill etc. This has had a huge impact on Summer Club activities being curtailed while we wait for students to turn up and/or entire spaces being wasted where we do not have enough notice to fill cancellations/no shows. This is unfortunate as we have many families desperate to access more spaces, and it does limit our ability to hit our designated attendance targets for our funding with Surrey Short Breaks. This can affect future funding levels, meaning fewer spaces for all in subsequent summer clubs. Starting from Summer Club 2020, any parents who do not

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inform us with a minimum of 2 hours notice (via Rob's email below or the Funstorm Landline: 01252 832109) when their child is not going to attend a confirmed space will have restricted access to spaces for future summer clubs. We do hope you understand the reasoning for this. We are a hugely oversubscribed scheme and have avoidably lost many hours of service delivery in previous years.

Bookings, Activities and Kit Lists: The attached programme and kit list should be kept at home until your child has finished attending this year's summer club. It has detailed information regarding activities, required items for your child to bring, the start and end times of the activities and the correct contact numbers/details for reaching summer club staff on the day of your child's attendance. Each year we get many requests for this information from parents/carers who have not kept these documents. Please keep these documents safe, and spare copies are available upon request. You must also keep a copy of your booking form once it is returned to you. This will be your record of your child's allocated days and it is important to keep it safe as we have had many parents lose their forms in the past and not turn up on the correct days, leading to spaces being wasted. If you need any additional copies of any of these documents contact Rob at the email address below before the start of summer club (Thursday 22nd July).

Cancelling Waiting List Spaces: If your child is placed on the waiting list for any summer club session but you make alternative plans, we would appreciate it if you could inform Rob, so that we may remove your child from the waiting list. This helps us to more quickly allocate available spaces to families who still need them.

Summer Club Staffing: Summer Club is staffed purely by Portesbery staff who are trained and experienced in supporting the physical, medical, sensory and behavioural needs of our students. All summer club days are designed to be accessible to all Portesbery students. If you have queries over any activities and how your child can access them then do speak to me via my email address below.

If you have any queries about summer club activities or wish to discuss any of the above points then please do contact me: rob.broughton@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Rob Broughton (Extended Services Manager, Funstorm)