

Children staying in bubbles is clear. What about adults - can a coach lead in different bubbles?



Any advice on 'bubbles' will initially come from the Government. However, as a company we will interpret this and instruct how our staff should work to remain as safe as practicable in our own/each setting. Where possible, staff will be assigned one group and will stay consistent with this group throughout the week. Coaching staff will not switch groups throughout the week, this will also allow for a rapport to be built between children and coaching staff allowing for a more enjoyable experience.

What are the government examples of the types of activity that will be delivered which fall within the guidelines?



Most activities can still be taught if adaptations are made which meet the rules. The activities may not be as exciting and engaging/compelling as we would expect in 'normal' times, but there is no reason to stop them completely and we must keep a positive coaching focus in challenging times. Currently there is no list of activities we can/cannot do. It is very important that sport is delivered effectively and in a fun manner. Creative thinking is essential in order to ensure gymnastics, dance, games, athletics and outdoor and adventurous activities can still be delivered in some form. Creative thinking is a real strength in SSC coaches so we are not unduly worried about this.

Do you have any guidance for the number of children on an Astro pitch or a tennis court or football pitch for example please?



The Government guidance is the starting point and then our own risk assessment will identify if any number presented as a maximum needs to be further reduced in order to suit our own context. Our risk assessment will help us to come to our own conclusion about maximum group sizes. It will depend on the size of the coaching area and any area used must be risk assessed to ensure that social distancing guidance can be adhered to.

For the spaces that we use, we have ensured that a group of 15 has an adequate playing area, we have then mapped this area across the whole playing field to ascertain how many groups we can accommodate. The amount of groups that we have at a venue differs based on the size of the area.

Is there guidance on once equipment has been used how it should be cleaned? How long before it can then be used by another child?



We will try to keep the use of equipment to a minimum and the transfer from one child to another.

Where it is used, we have decided that the children will be provided with their own equipment and use only this during the period. For example each child will have a football, hockey stick, rugby ball etc. Where any equipment is shared, for example when throwing a ball back to a friend, it is important that the equipment is kept as clean as possible by ensuring it is cleaned before and after each session using the cleaning agents provided by our staff. In addition, children should wash their hands before and after sessions. Regularly cleaning equipment and following the hand washing regime is the fundamental guiding principle.

I've been led to believe that in Primary Schools we are almost to accept social distancing will be impossible. So could they share equipment? As you say, they should not touch another child's equipment if possible.



You are right to point out that social distancing may prove difficult with such a young age group so it is important not to stress if 'rules' get broken. If there is accidental sharing of equipment hand, nose and mouth hygiene protocols are critical, we fully understand how young children work. Small groups supervised by sufficient staff should support some degree of social distancing. Concentrating on fundamental skills such as leaping, galloping, skipping, jumping etc. should mean that a very limited range of equipment is needed, thus reducing some of the chances of accidental sharing. Another fundamental skill which must be continually emphasised and consolidated is hygiene - frequent hand washing and not touching their faces are very important.

Just to confirm is it a no to the children / staff wearing face masks and gloves on camp?



At this moment in time this is not a requirement in Government guidance so the current answer is they do not have to (please remember to check GOV.UK daily).

I think you said around the maximum being up to 15 but I'm sure it will depend on space and employer's decision?



Correct, our own risk assessment may reduce this number if social distancing cannot be maintained. Currently the number permissible on camps will be decided by Government and we will then use this maximum number to see what additional risks need to be considered before reaching our own decision.