

## Resuming Church

### Children's ministry Risk Assessment

#### **1: Preparation of Site:**

If church was to resume mid-August, we are looking at hosting 1 "pod" of up to 15 children in the carpark - to include Fusion age kids and older end of Little Fishes. We would section off an area near the fire exit, put up the marquee frame & roof (using sides if the weather is rainy, and use round tables and chairs from Little Fishes room.

We would set this up prior to the service starting with all tables and chairs wiped down. The gate would need to be shut & locked just before Children's ministry sessions start.

The Little Fishes room would be open to parents of young children, with only a small selection of easily steamed/wipe down toys available - parents of children this age are currently required to supervise their own children.

#### **2: Social Distancing:**

With the new 1m social distancing recommendations, we can put 3 children to a table. Depending on government guidance come mid August, adult helpers to wear face masks? Parents will be required to walk their children to the designated area, help them use the hand sanitiser (or if they can't use this for any medical reason, take them to the nominated kids bathroom to wash their hands) and then seat them at a table. The children will be required to stay at their table throughout the session.

#### **3: Hygiene & Toilets**

Kids will be required to bring their own drink flask with drink in it - there will be no snacks. Each child will be provided with their own plastic pencil case, labelled with their name - so only the child will be touching the pencils etc inside and the case can be antibac wiped after the session and stored.

The serving kids team that day will be responsible for antibac wiping tables etc before the session - and after the session all tables and chairs cleaned with bleach spray. Any other equipment can be wiped down and stored separately for 72 hours.

Use of toilets: current guidance in schools allows a pod of 15 children to use the same toilet facilities - so we propose that the toilet upstairs next to the jungle room would be the children's designated toilet. This would then be out of bounds to anyone else. This would have to be bleach cleaned at the end of each session.

#### **4: Rotation of sessions:**

We are thinking of a 4 week rotation of activities (where we have to keep them socially distanced and in their chairs! An example might be:

Week 1: Bible story with quizzes - using the giant cards

Week 2: Bingo

Week 3: Bible story & craft

Week 4: Music session with bible songs and music games

## **5: Spread of Infection:**

Based on Track & Trace: If any leader or child or family member shows symptoms following a Sunday session, the whole “pod” and all helpers would need to be contacted and informed and they would then have to self isolate for 14 days. The following session would then quite possibly have to be cancelled until everyone’s self isolation time is up.

We wonder whether a WhatsApp group with everyone in it - leaders, helpers and parents, would work best in this situation to keep lines of communication open.