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This policy runs alongside Covid-19 risk assessment and both are under constant review. Date of next formal review October 19th 2020.

At the Young Lewisham Project, measures are in place, in line with current government guidance, to make sure that young people can still access their education in a safe and low risk manner. We have relatively low numbers in our sessions compared to the average school class. We have a large amount of space available to the groups. All our spaces have good ventilation with windows and doors open which keeps air circulating at a high volume. The students who have returned so far have observed social distancing very well and we have not seen any behavioural issues. The students understand that they cannot shout or cause someone else to shout and that doing so will result in instant removal from the group.

We will be using the outdoor spaces as much as is practical for workshop activities. We have put equipment and measures in place to make sure this can carry on into the colder months. We will only have two students and one staff member in the kitchen at one time. We will enforce a "one way" system through the main corridor. We will serve food in a buffet style which will be overseen by an adult. We will eat at distanced tables and if necessary eat in two shifts / two groups with one upstairs and one downstairs. Break times will be taken outside or spread throughout the indoor spaces.

As previously, masks, face shields and disposable gloves will be readily available to anybody who wants them and young people and staff will not be discouraged from wearing them if they so wish. The management will listen to any concerns from staff and young people and act swiftly and accordingly to ensure everyone feels safe while they are at the project.

Given the above it is our decision that the wearing of face coverings will not be made mandatory in any area of the premises.