

Rocket Holiday Camps Return Roadmap 2021

The aim of this is to help parents and children understand how [the government guidance](#) affects what provision we can offer and when we can return to normal provision.

Please note, the government guidance around children and coronavirus is as such

“Evidence continues to confirm that children can be susceptible to coronavirus (COVID-19) infection although a range of analyses suggest that children’s susceptibility to infection appears less than adults. The evidence is stronger that pre-school and primary aged children are less susceptible to infection than adults and more mixed for secondary-age and older children.”

We have modified our camps since summer 2020 to return with coronavirus measures in place and provide holiday activities for children. We will continue to operate with coronavirus measures in place until instructed otherwise by guidance from the government

Stage 1

Our first holiday clubs will be able to return from the Easter holiday clubs on the 29th of March. Below is the government guidance

“As set out in the [COVID-19 response spring 2021](#) guidance, from 29 March, and in line with when schools close for the Easter holidays, out-of-school settings and wraparound providers will be able to offer:

- *outdoor provision to all children, without restrictions on the purpose for which they may attend*
- *indoor provision to:*
 - *vulnerable children and young people*
 - *children on free school meals, where they are attending as part of the Department for Education’s holiday activities and food programme*
 - *other children, where the provision is:*
 - *reasonably necessary to enable their parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment or address a medical need*
 - *being used by electively home educating parents as part of their arrangements for their child to receive a suitable full-time education*
 - *for the purposes of obtaining a regulated qualification, meeting the entry requirements for an education institution, or to undertake exams and assessments”*

All children are allowed to attend if the holiday clubs are used to enable parents to work, train or any other reasoning outlined above. We do not have the capacity or ability to perform checks on parents' reasons for bringing their children to our holiday camps and expect parents to follow the guidance.

We will continue to operate our camps at Easter which follow the coronavirus measures used since last summer (2020). You can find the link to our COVID-19 camps parent handbook [here](#)

Stage 2

After Easter, we will await the further government review.

“The government’s intention is then for out-of-school settings and wraparound childcare providers to be able offer provision as normal, to all children, from the start of the school summer term. This will be no earlier than 12 April, and will be confirmed as part of step 2 of the [COVID-19 response spring 2021](#).”

We hope that the situation with the virus will have dramatically improved and that the government will clear normal out-of-school activities for children. This will mean that from the May-Half term and Summer holiday camps, we might be able to return to normal camps.

We hope to be able to safely do this in 2021, and allow children the flexibility of activity choices (swapping between stage and sports areas), water fights, contact games and more. We will of course continue to operate with full protective measures in place for as long as is advised and needed.