

## **PURPOSE AND STATEMENT:**

The Hunt Academy For Young Actors is aware of the current challenges regarding operating our provision during the Coronavirus Pandemic. We are committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of all students and their families and our staff. We will continue to follow the advice of Public Health England and the UK Government.

Our aim is to provide our workshops in person whilst adhering to guidelines and safeguarding.

The current information states:

- Educational settings are opening for all year groups in September 2020
- OOSS can open from the beginning of the school summer holidays
- Social distancing is 2m (or 1m+ if 2m is not possible or with risk mitigation)
- Anyone who is showing symptoms of a cough and/or fever are to self-isolate for 10 days
- Anyone with confirmed COVID-19 or contact by track and Trace are to self-isolate for 14 days

## **Compliance :**

**All current social distancing measures will be implemented throughout our classes.**

Each Class/Company will operate as it's own "bubble". No other Bubble on site will mix with another. This will be monitored by staggered starting / finishing times, one way systems and social distancing measures.

To attend classes, parents must complete our recently updated Covid compliant booking form. These are class specific to allow for track and trace should we have a suspected or confirmed case in a particular class / company.

Actors should supply their own PPE equipment. Some venues require a mask to be worn in the communal spaces. Please check if your class company is one of them. It is not the responsibility of teachers to ensure it is used or worn correctly. It is not to be worn during physical activity.

No parents will be allowed in our venues, they must drop off and collect outside the building. Academy specific instructions have been explained in an email sent to each class / company..

Upon arrival, all actors will be required to sanitise their hands and have their temperature taken through our infrared thermometer.

Any Actor with a fever must be immediately isolated and be collected by their parents.

Actors should arrive in clothes that have not been for in any previous setting outside their home, including shoes. No school uniform. Any child arriving in School Uniform will not be allowed to participate.

Actors should wear layers of clothing. Our venues will be well ventilated with windows and doors open as much as possible.

Bags and coats should not be brought into the building. This will be reviewed as the temperature dips. Any item of clothing or bags brought in must be sanitised with our Biocidal skin and surface spray. We will be using alcohol free spray suitable for all surfaces. However, any damage to these items as a result will not be the responsibility of HAYA or our staff.

Actors will have clearly defined working spaces in order for individuals to social distance at 2m. These will be marked out by tape on the floor either as a boxed off area or a cross.

Actors will be required to sanitise their hands again at the break.

Breaks, moving to different spaces and the use of corridors and bathrooms will be closely monitored to ensure social distancing is always upheld.

This will be through staggered breaks, toilet supervision and a one-way corridor system.

In the event of an emergency evacuation, staff will be responsible for the safe evacuation of students and staff. Directors and Assistant Directors will lead their group to the fire and emergency assembly point ensuring social distancing is maintained. Where risk of accident or injury in an emergency evacuation supersedes the danger of social distancing, children will be assisted in any way possible.

Any actor/staff member or family member who is tested positive for COVID-19 must immediately inform Sarah Hunt @ HAYA. This is inclusive of any positive test received within a 14 day period of last contact at HAYA. The bubble that is affected will immediately be notified including actors/parents/teachers. Should this occur while classes are running, the bubble affected will be shut down, and spaces deep cleaned immediately follow government guidance "COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings".

We understand the emotional and mental difficulties this may cause some of our actors. Staff are aware of these added complications and will encourage open conversation within the group. Any actor uncomfortable discussing issues surrounding Covid induced anxieties can tell a director / assistant director at any point in person or in writing.

