

Returning to Face-to-Face Activities

We have developed a staged approach (outlined below) to returning to face-to-face activities, which is flexible and will provide clarity to Companies over what activities should be taking place at any given time. We will move through these stages in line with current Government and Youth Sector guidance and we are currently developing a comprehensive framework (which will be available by end July 2020) to provide leaders with the support and guidance (including an action log, template risk assessments, template emails/letters for parents/carers and digital resources) needed to move through these stages and return to face-to-face activities.



Check the current 'stage' we are operating at online at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/coronavirus-update/



Programming

To support the staged approach to returning to face-to-face activities, below we have outlined the support and resources available to support programme planning:

Stage 1 - #BBatHOME Activities

Our initial response to the lockdown, was to launch #BBatHOME Activities, providing activities for children and young people to do at home supported by their parents/carers. We will continue to provide activities in this way up until 26th July. From this point we will not be producing new activities for children and young people to do at home in this way, although these activities will continue to be available to parents/carers and leaders through our website and we encourage leaders to continue to signpost activities in their regular engagement with members and their parents/carers. Find out more at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/activity-packs/

Stage 2 - Virtual Sessions & #BBatHOME Activities

Weekly Virtual Sessions Activity Packs, which have recently evolved into bi-weekly Activity Packs have been produced to provide support to leaders running Virtual Sessions since 11th May. Resources to support Virtual Sessions including ready-to-use PowerPoint and PDF's will continue to be provided on a bi-weekly basis to support programming up until 26th July. Additional support and guidance on setting up and running Virtual Sessions including access to online training can be found on the website. As above #BBatHOME Activities will continue to be available to support members taking part in activities at home. Find out more about Virtual Sessions at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/virtualsections/

We have also put together guidance and resources to support running a #BBatHOME Camp, available at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome-camp/

Based on Companies pausing their programming during August, we are launching an additional Summer Adventure resource for both the Under 11's (Anchors & Juniors) and Over 11's (Company/Seniors) age groups. Available from 10th July to download and share with your members, this resource will provide them with 20 activities to try out and keep them busy over the summer. Find out more at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/summer-adventures/

Stage 3 - Face-to-Face (Socially Distanced) Activities & Virtual Sessions

This will evolve our programming further and move us to supporting programmes that encourage leader led activity through face-to-face (socially distanced) activities or #BBatHOME Virtual Sessions. We will provide resources to support both programming options with a Programme Planner accompanied by Activity Cards and Themed Programme Activity Cards. These resources will be delivered on a monthly basis throughout the Autumn Term (September, October, November, December) and will be available 4 weeks beforehand to support programme planning (i.e. September's resources available early August). Additional support & guidance on preparing for and running face-to-face (socially distanced) activities will be provided in the framework which will be available from the end of July.

Stage 4 - Face-to-Face Activities

Once we are able to do so, with the earliest being Spring 2021 Term (from 1st January 2021) we will return to our normal termly programming for all age groups. It is our intention that from this point we will be providing Programme Planners and Activity Cards for the Company and Seniors age groups as well as Anchors and Juniors. These resources will be distributed with Spring 2021 Gazette to Leaders-in-Charge at end November.

