



Arrival Procedures

On arrival groups will be met at the front of the Centre by staff. When they are shown to their dormitory building, they will be asked to wash their hands in their allocated bathrooms before being allowed into any other area of the Centre. Where it is possible to communicate information regarding Centre operations, outdoors then this will happen. Any communication indoors will follow social distancing guidelines.

Classrooms

Our classrooms have been altered to fit with social distancing guidelines. Chalmadale classroom accommodates 15 students, Sannox & Rosa both take 8-12. Our Geopark room can be used as additional classroom space. Where groups are larger than these numbers, they will be separated across classrooms or class times will be split. For example, evening class sessions will run from 6.30pm until 7.30pm & 7.45pm until 8.45pm. It is our intention to work outdoors as much as possible. Classroom desks will be cleaned & sanitized after each session. Each group will work from the same classroom for the duration of their stay.



Activities & Field Studies

We have considered the range of Adventure Activities & Field Studies options we offer & have made some changes to procedures which will allow most sessions to go ahead with modifications. Where safety considerations require instructors to intervene, then this will still need to take place. In order to minimise the chance of requiring emergency evacuation we will not be able to work in remote locations around the North Arran coast, on Goatfell or in Glen Catacol. Any field work requiring questionnaire feedback from the public will be suspended for the time being.

Where a session takes place outdoors over lunch time, instructors will make hand sanitizer available.

Students will be placed into 'bubble' groups of 3 or 4 during their stay. These groups will be roomed together, eat together & work in field study or activity groups together. We would encourage you to adopt these groups from the beginning of your journey to the Centre until you return home.

Hired Equipment

It will still be possible for students to be provided with all the equipment necessary to take part in Field Studies, Adventure Activities or indeed to hire outdoor clothing from our stores. All equipment used will be cleaned after each group use.

The Dining Room

The capacity of our dining room has been reduced to 32 students max & 4 staff to reflect social distancing. We have additional screens in place over our servery & kitchen access doors. Students will be provided with all required items for their packed lunch & will not have the opportunity to make their own. There will be no 'self service' element to our

food including salad bar, tea/coffee provision or fresh fruit. Each table (4 students maximum per table) will collect meals individually when called to the servery counter. Where numbers on site are above 32, meal times will be staggered.



Transport

We recommend that groups bring their own school or hired transport to Ardrossan Harbour or Lochranza Centre wherever possible. Calmac will have social distancing measures in place to allow ferry transport to take place as safely as possible. When weather conditions allow, we suggest students be prepared with suitable clothing to remain 'on deck' during the 55 minute crossing.

If you require hired transport on Arran, we will be using local providers & not time tabled service buses to avoid unnecessary 'cross over' with members of the public.

Social Areas

We have protective screens in place in our shop & equipment hire store. Students will be allocated 'common room time' in small groups & there will be set routes to be followed when moving around the Centre. Doors to social areas will remain open during the day to avoid constant contact with push or pull surfaces. All doors require to be closed at night to comply with Fire Regulations.

There will be a 'one' way system in place through the 3 main buildings with a defined entrance & exit.

Dormitories

Our dormitories will only be used at 50% capacity. In bunk rooms for example, this means use of lower bunk beds only. Students have their own allocated bathrooms. Visiting staff will have single occupancy of rooms.

Centre Capacity

The capacity of the Centre has been reduced to 50 students maximum or 'single group' occupancy.

First Aid & Emergencies

It is important that we realise that some contact between instructors, teachers & students will have to take place in the event of first aid or emergencies. This will be done using PPE when practicable.

Contact points & Cleaning

It is our standard policy to have good quality cleaning of the Centre during your stay & between groups. Needless to say, this is particularly significant at this time. We will have more sanitizer points on site. The best form of hygiene control is regular hand washing. There will be time allocated during the day to allow this to take place.