



From Sunday 12th September, VKids is back.... Yeehaa! Here's a rough guide to what's different as a result of the world we currently find ourselves in.

Context - SWLV

Over the summer SWLV returned to in-person Sunday services. A number of measures were put in place to both mitigate risk, and accommodate the congregation's varying attitudes towards Covid risk.

VKids also restarted with Ezeesport, this was mostly held outside, with some specific measures in place to mitigate the risk of Covid spreading.

From 12th September 2021, adult Sunday services are being expanded to be closer to what they looked like pre-pandemic, and VKids is similarly returning to its pre-pandemic programme.

Context - Children

Whilst it is recognised that children can spread Covid-19, should a child contract Covid-19, their risk of serious illness is very low. As a result schools and children's activities are now operating with few restrictions. The benefit of schools and activities for children are deemed to far outweigh the risks.

What will be different from before the pandemic?

- Check-in/out will be done outside the Sports Hall building under the covered area rather than inside in the foyer.
- Parents will not be allowed into the Sports Hall except to settle their child should this be necessary. Team members will bring children to the check-out desk to be checked-out.
- Snacks will not be provided.
 - Before the pandemic we were already asking children to bring their own water bottles, we are asking that parents send children with a snack too.
 - For visitors and anyone who has forgotten, we will have some pre-wrapped snacks to choose from at the check-out desk.
- For now, the Going Deeper group will stay in the Gym for worship and not be going into the adults service for worship twice a month as before.
- Baby Room will operate as usual but without refreshments for now. The worship leader will lead a short worship session with the babies, but only if it is viable from a ratio perspective for the worship leader to be away from the Sports Hall.

What measures are being taken to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19?

Ventilation:

- Doors in the Sports Hall corridor will be kept open, where it is safe to do so.
- Where it is safe to do so, the doors to the Gym and the Studio will be kept open and the fire doors in the gym opened.
- Check-in and check-out are taking place outside.

What to expect in VKIDS

Social Distancing

- Cones will be placed spaced 2m apart for families to wait to get checked in.
- Parents will not be allowed into the Sports Hall unless they are settling their child.
- If a child needs first aid, the first aider will wear a mask and an apron.

Masks

- Masks will be optional for all team members.

Hand Hygiene:

- Children and team will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands on entering the Sports Hall and before the break for snacks.
- Sanitizer will be readily available in each group.

Symptoms

- Any child who presents unwell will not be allowed to attend VKids.
- Any team member showing any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 will be sent home and reminded to follow government guidelines (self-isolate and book a PCR test).
 - Most important symptoms are:
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell
- Any team member who appears otherwise unwell will be asked not to serve on the team as a precautionary measure.
- If anyone that starts to show any of the most important symptoms of Covid-19 during the morning they will be asked to leave immediately. (If it is a child we will take them to the check-in desk and bring their parent or carer to them). The team members attending will wear masks.

A full version of our Covid-19 Risk Assessment is available [here](#)