



## **White Rabbit Drama Club**

### **Summer Club 2020: Covid-19 precautions & safety.**

We're delighted to see the children next week and to be able to run our 'Inspirational' summer club this year. We have lots of fun games & activities planned and although Katie sadly can't with us in person this time, she's just as thrilled and working hard behind the scenes to create some great crafts linked to our theme!

Whilst excited, we are aware that this year is like no other and are planning & preparing with caution, to ensure that we can offer the safest club possible for parents & pupils. Our full risk assessment will be available to view over the weekend, but in the meantime we wanted to let you know the plans we're putting into place, to help prepare you and the children for the slight changes to the club.

#### **What we're doing to keep everyone safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

- White Rabbit will lay out clear markings that adhere to social distancing guidelines in the entrance outside Scout Hut for those dropping off & collecting.
- Front & back doors will be left open during the club, to increase ventilation.
- White Rabbit Staff and pre-booked pupils only will be admitted into the Scout Hut.
- Pupil spaces are limited to 12 max.
- All 12 children are booked for 2 days to keep the group consistent.
- Children will be offered a place in a bubble of 6 with 1 teacher (these will be sent out before Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July). Teachers will work with the same bubble for the 2 days.
- On arrival, Laura-May's bubble will wait to the left of the Scout Hut and enter through the back doors. Anna's bubble will wait and enter to the right of the Scout Hut by the front door. These will be clearly

marked with signs and become the bubble's entrance/exit for the duration of the club.

- The Scout Hut will be split into 2 clear sections with enough space to allow for social distancing.
- Each bubble is provided with their own hand gel, tissues & bin.
- Toilet blocks will be allocated per bubble and cleaned whenever possible.
- The Scout Hut will be cleaned before and after our drama club and no other groups are booked to use the space on the dates we are attending.
- Equipment and shared areas (tables, handles, bins, chairs) will be wiped down at every opportunity and all of the above will be cleaned at the end of each day.
- Children will be given a named craft & drama basket for the duration of the club, with everything they need to create. This will avoid the sharing of equipment.
- Laura-May and myself will also have our own equipment packs.
- Our most up to date safeguarding, behaviour policy, risk assessment and terms & conditions will be available to view at our website: [www.whiterabbitdramaclub.co.uk](http://www.whiterabbitdramaclub.co.uk) before Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020. By booking a club with us, parents & carers agree to adhere to these, ensuring that the policies help all pupils, parents and staff to keep the club a safe & supportive space for all.

**A note about social distancing for primary age pupils:**

The Government has acknowledged that it is hugely challenging for pupils of this age to maintain social distance. We are aware of these challenges and although we will be doing all we can to encourage children to maintain social distance and to avoid sharing items during this time, we know that there may still be occasions where social distancing is not possible or children become excited and forget.

Current guidelines state that it is possible to have 15 children per bubble and many childcare providers accept that within this group of 15, social distancing will be hard to maintain. For this reason, we have reduced our capacity to 12 and created small bubbles, in the hope that in exercising more caution than the government, we are able to ensure the safety of the pupils and ourselves, even where social distancing is not possible.

We are also sensitive to the impact that the past few months may have had on children's mental health & well-being and, although we aim to follow our Covid-19 risk assessment at all times, our ongoing concern is also to provide a space that is; supportive, fun, friendly, welcoming and stress-free for the children. We hope that our preparations reassure you but cannot guarantee that social distance will be maintained and want to make you aware before the club begins. If anyone is anxious, we would advise not to attend the summer club.

### What Parents & Pupils can do to help.

- Please look out for the markings whilst waiting outside the Scout Hut at drop off and collection. These adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Do not enter the Scout Hut, we will collect and bring children to you. My number is 07738 567130 if needed before, after or during the club.
- Please remind children of the importance of social distancing and good hand washing technique (BBC have some great resources for children on this).
- Bring a light coat/jumper (doors remain open throughout the club and if the weather becomes cooler children will need these)!
- Bring plenty of snacks and water in a named bottle.
- If possible, bring a small, named bottle of hand gel.
- If possible, bring a small packet of tissues.
- Avoid travelling in groups or by public transport to and from the club. If doing so, please wear a mask.
- If any student or a member of their family experiences symptoms of the virus (persistent cough and/or high temperature) or has been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, please do not attend the club. In this case, we would credit you for the session missed.
- In line with local schools, Laura-May and myself do not plan to wear face masks whilst teaching, however we will wear them, along with gloves, if social distancing cannot be maintained (eg if administering first aid). If any children would like to wear a mask throughout the sessions they are welcome to do so.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Things may be a little different this year as we adjust the space & activities to safe guidelines, but the heart & soul of White Rabbit remains the same and we're aiming to deliver a club that will be as enriching as it is fun for the children.

Thank you for your support!

Anna X