

# Keeping your child safe

Your child is in safe hands at Meraki Art School

We have a clear commitment to child protection and the safeguarding of our students is of the highest priority.

We Require all of our, teachers and assistants to apply for Enhanced Clearance via the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly Criminal Records Bureau or CRB).

Every teacher is in regular contact with a dedicated child protection team.

We invest in independent annual reviews to ensure that our schools and their staff are operating at the highest level of child protection standards. All necessary insurance, fire safety and first aid protocols are established within every Meraki school

## How we are keeping your child safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic - England Only

Please do not send your child to Meraki if they are feeling unwell, a family member or someone in your household are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

### Arrivals

- All parents/carers are kindly asked to maintain social distancing when arriving at our venue. Please observe guidance such as floor markers, etc.
- No parents/carers are permitted to enter the building (unless in an emergency).
- All parents/carers are required to either drop their children off at the door to their classroom or arrive at the main reception.

### In Class

- We will be observing class sizes in line with social distancing.
- Frequent hand washing or hand sanitisation will be undertaken by all upon entry, between disciplines, before and after break and toilet visits, and upon exit.
- Hand sanitisers will be in each room and the main entrance (where applicable).
- Signage regarding hand washing / sanitising will be displayed around the venue.
  
- Please ensure your child only brings essential possessions (such as water, lunch or a snack for break and any medical needs, i.e. EpiPen), and to keep those possessions close to them wherever practicable. Where possible, please DO NOT bring mobile phones to Meraki Art School
- Equipment used will be designated to each class 'Bubble'
- Students will be encouraged to cough or sneeze using the inside of their elbow to 'catch it' or a tissue which should be put into a bin bag (one per room) which the Principal will seal and dispose of after each school session.

### Social Distancing

- We will be observing the latest social distancing guidance from the UK Government for all of our students where appropriate.
- Rooms will be of the required size and markings made to assist students in recognising the social distancing needed.
- For Early Years students we will endeavour to deliver classes which encourage them to keep their distance where reasonably practicable.
- Our toilet policy has been modified to incorporate social distancing.

### Departures

- Students are to be collected from the same door they entered the building. Please note that we may need to stagger departure times to ensure social distancing is maintained.

### Venue availability

- In the event of Meraki's venue becoming unavailable, we will endeavour to source an alternative venue within the surrounding area, or move the day/time of our classes.
- If for any reason, we are unable to deliver our classes in the Meraki venue, we will be offering replacement classes delivered via an online platform such as Zoom where available.

There may be additional safety measures in place at your Meraki venue, which your teachers will make you aware of.

Please note, as government guidance and policy change we will be updating safety measures accordingly.