

CORONAVIRUS

What are we doing at Dartington Trust & Schumacher College?

Dartington Trust and its two learning faculties Schumacher College and Dartington Arts School always endeavour to provide a safe and supportive environment for all of our course participants and visitors. We continually respond to changes in government guidance relating to the pandemic and constantly review the support offered to all of our students, staff, and visitors to maintain a safe environment by using social distancing, robust cleaning, and encouraging hand washing and sanitising across the Estate. As a learning-focused organisation, we are following UK guidance issued to all educational establishments, meaning that we can continue to take bookings for our autumn events and classes. For peace of mind, we're also making our risk assessments available - you can read them at schumachercollege.org.uk/courses/short-courses

Social Distancing

We will follow social distancing guidelines and ensure a minimum of 2 meter distancing wherever possible, without a face mask and where only 1 metre plus is possible we will ensure the wearing of face coverings.

Teaching Rooms/ Studio space

Rooms will be thoroughly cleaned in advance of your arrival at your event. Once cleaned the rooms will not be accessed by any member of the public or staff until your arrival. Where possible we will have a separate entry and exit to help to reduce cross over of participants and maintain social distancing. Hand sanitising stations will also be set up.

We will make use of our beautiful outdoor spaces where possible and when weather allows! Communal toilets, spaces and touch points will be cleaned three times a day.

Overnight stays (where applicable)

We have opened up some of our courtyard bedrooms – initially we will only be using those with en suite bathrooms. Access to the hotel will be controlled and rooms will be deep cleaned and aired between use. You will be asked to self-declare that you do not feel ill 48hrs prior to arrival and asked to sign a waiver in advance of your arrival. Details will be on our website: www.dartington.org/stay

Food & Drink

- If numbers are such that we can't maintain physical distancing in the dining area, participants will be split into groups with staggered meal times.
- Participants can eat outside weather permitting.

- Self-service of meals is not possible. Catering staff and volunteers will wear masks / disposable aprons / gloves when preparing or serving food.
- If you wish to visit the Green Table café, The White Hart bar or other outlets during your time with us, please check [this food and drink page](#) on our website for opening times and safety information.

Travel & Parking

- How you travel to Dartington is a personal preference.
- We have adequate parking for you on the Estate.
- We're a half hour walk from Totnes Train station, a short bike ride or 5 mins in a taxi.

What if someone falls ill?

- Should a participant fall ill whilst here we would ask that arrangements are made to return home and to enter self-isolation.
- Whilst arrangements are made the participant will be asked to remain isolated in their room.
- The room will remain unused for a minimum of 72 hours and then professionally cleaned.
- If a staff member should fall ill they will be sent home immediately to self-isolate and cover will be in place as soon as we can.
- You should not join a course if you've had corona virus symptoms in the last 2 weeks.
- If you need to cancel you'll be able to transfer to another course or given credit.

Should I wear a mask?

We request that you bring your own masks to wear in public areas and, if you wish, gloves as well. Some elements of your course may involve being 1m plus rather than 2meters, for short periods, and if so or if you are travelling on a field trip in a minibus, you will be required to wear a mask.

What if the situation changes?

We are monitoring the situation daily and will refund or reschedule participants if courses have to be cancelled. This information is subject to change.

If you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to drop us a line.

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