



Dear Young People and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well, we've really missed you!

We are excited to announce that from 15th September we aim to reopen our yr6 youth sessions, welcoming back young people to our "new normal". In the beginning we will be running a reduced service and youth sessions will be limited by age and social groups. In building up our services gradually, we hope to sustain a safe reopening of services to all young people in our community over the coming weeks and months.

We have carefully consulted Government guidance, sought advice from leading youth organisations and consulted with union representatives to inform our reopening plans. We have taken all necessary steps to reopen in a safe and COVID secure way, to reassure young people and their parents/carers that their health and wellbeing is paramount to us.

As you may be aware, the Year 6 sessions are very popular! To ensure Year 6 students from Yate can continue to enjoy the Armadillo, we are trialling 2 staggered sessions a day, at the reduced time of 90minutes (per session), Monday to Friday.

We aim to put local primary schools into individual bubbles/sessions. More details about this and our timetable will follow, as and when we are able to build on the responses and return of the parental contact/test & trace information. We strongly advise parents to send the required parental contact forms back to us prior to your child attending, as spaces will be limited and admission will only be permitted with a contact form. Forms can be returned via info@yatearmadillo.co.uk or in person to Armadillo.

When we have devised the yr6 timetable, we will advise and update parents and schools on how we are minimising risk. This will contain information for young people and carers about what to expect at the Armadillo. If you require this information in advance please let us know, here are a few of the actions we have taken to keep everyone safe:

- A closed-door policy for Year 6. Young people are registered on entry as 'in' the building and can only leave when collected/ signed out by an agreed carer, or if we have carer consent to allow young people to leave independently;
- One-way entry and exit points. On arrival, young people come to the main front entrance. The exit point will be the green rear garden gate, accessible from the leisure centre car park;
- Staff and young people will sanitize hands on arrival and regularly throughout the session as they undertake different activities;
- Social distancing will be in place at activity stations and in social areas;
- Additional cleaning will be undertaken by staff at the activity stations and in social areas throughout and in-between sessions;

- Face coverings are required for all visitors aged 11years + and must be worn throughout the session;
- Contact information will be retained for test and trace in addition to our usual GDPR policy;
- The Armadillo team reserve the right to ask young people to leave the session and close places, if they deliberately breach processes in place to ensure safety, and carers will be contacted.

When we confirm our plans for reopening our risk assessments will be published online with an accompanying Covid Secure notice.

We thank you for your patience and support and we hope to see you soon!

Team Armadillo