

COVID-19 Safety Measures Stone Carving Workshops

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The health and safety of my students remains my absolute priority.

I keep a regular check on Government guidelines, and supplement this with the more cautious approach of Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE).

I also have on-hand advice as my husband is a scientist who studies disease evolution - so our household is well versed in safe-practice.

My Stone Carving Workshops comply with this advice by following these safety measures to minimise the risk of coronavirus transmission:

1. I require that any student who has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 at any time inform me *prior to* attending the workshop. Students with ongoing symptoms will not be allowed to attend and their booking will be rearranged.
2. I will require all students to enter the house during the side entrance and wash their hands in the utility room before entering the house. There is access to the workshop, garden, kitchen and washroom via the side of the house.
3. Bottles of hand sanitiser will be provided for each student. Disposable masks and sterile gloves are also provided and are required to be worn during every group demonstration and tutor-student interaction.
4. There is space for safe social distancing within my workshop, but care must be taken during group demonstrations when masks and surgical gloves must be worn. Carving can take place outside on the terrace and gazebos are on hand if required.
5. My family will carefully limit their interactions in the kitchen. The downstairs toilet and utility room hand washing location will be for the exclusive use of the Stone Carving Workshop during the course.
6. I will provide disposable wooden cutlery and paper plates for food served during the course.
7. My usual serve-yourself tapas-style meals will be replaced during this period with individual portions delivered from our local café. The endless supply of homemade cakes etc remains unchanged & will be dispensed with care.
8. All areas of the house used by students will be disinfected with domestic bleach before and after each day of teaching.

Government guidelines:

As of 4/7/2020, groups of two households can meet (anyone in your support bubble counts as one household), in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors. This does not need to be the same household each time. Therefore my Stone Carving Workshops have now resumed. However, while indoor socialising is limited to members of two households, I am limiting the number of students to two per course, and initially, to people from the same bubble.

See official list below.

As of 4/7/2020 the government's guidance is as follows:

Even inside someone's home – that you should socially distance from anyone not in your household or bubble. You can also minimise the risk of spreading infection by following some key principles. You should:

- continue to follow strict social distancing guidelines when you are with anyone not in your household or your support bubble
- take hygiene precautions by washing your hands as soon as you are home for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitiser when you are out, use a tissue when sneezing and dispose of it safely, and cough into the crook of your elbow
- access private gardens externally wherever possible – if you need to go through someone else's home to do so, avoid touching surfaces and loitering. Avoid using toilets in other people's home (outside of your support bubble) wherever possible and wipe down surfaces as frequently as possible
- using disinfectant, wipe down any surfaces or door handles people from outside of your household or support bubble come into contact with if walking through your home
- avoid sharing plates and utensils with people outside of your household or your support bubble

Details of government guidelines are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household-from-4-july>