
Corona Virus and CYCD Statement – 19/3/2020

At CYCD, along with many other community organisations, is looking very carefully at advice from Government, the need to safeguard our staff and volunteers but still providing support to the most vulnerable in our community.

From today, we have taken a decision to close all of the South Asian Health & Well-being Clubs for older people and the closure of these clubs is likely to last until the end of May. Older people are particularly at risk and many of our older people also have underlying health conditions. However, we are putting in place a befriending by phone and practical help service whereby, particularly older people at risk from social isolation including those who live alone or care for an older person, our staff and volunteers will make regular befriending phone calls and where necessary provide practical support eg essential shopping.

We have also taken the decision to cancel the children's and young people holiday clubs which would have run over the Easter holidays. Whilst the risk to children and young people of showing symptoms of the virus, we cannot guarantee having enough adult staff and volunteers to supervise the activities. This closure includes our Bangla School and Homework Clubs.

The advice service and advice drop-in service we run in partnership with Luton Rights has been cancelled.

Our Little Stars Pre-school and other adult education classes including those run by Barnfield College have now closed and will be closed for the 2 weeks Easter Holidays as usual; Following the decision by Government yesterday about schools we will re-open Little Stars on Monday 20th April just for children of Key Workers, not just who are already attending the pre-school here at CYCD and children with an Education Health Plan.

Our staff who remain at work at CYCD will be starting to work from home or are putting into practice Social Distancing, as advised by the Government. Please do not come to CYCD unless you really need to. We encourage you instead to phone us on 01582 519500 to reduce the risks to yourself and our staff.

Thank You

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Director of CYCD

