

Ritschel's Sewing Workshops

My main aim is obviously to try and keep us all as safe as possible, and as I run my classes in a workshop at my home, I also feel responsible for my immediate and extended family. Rest assured I have been looking into all the Gov info thoroughly and have completed a course to gain more info re Covid-19 from The National Skills Academy for Health. I am trying my best to plan though guidance does change rapidly so **please check for any updates regularly!** Read somewhere current times is like building a plane as flying it!!

I have had both of my vaccinations to try and protect and keep everyone as safe as possible, I regularly do the lateral flow tests currently recommended by the government see further info here <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>– I welcome others doing these before attending a class, many children and adults now do these weekly and will discuss the need for these on an individual basis. [If need a PCR test to check for the virus if you have any COVID-19 symptoms see https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). **Please discuss any of these points before the classes otherwise I will assume you/or your child is well and happy to attend classes and to follow the requirements set out within the Risk assessment - PLEASE CLICK this link for the full Risk Assessment at time of writing risk-assessment-2021 v4.docx** Some of the key points implementing new procedures in the classes at the time of writing **27/06/2021** emphasizes sanitizing hands, maintaining distance, and promoting good general hygiene and if cannot keep distance **to** wear a face covering. **Bullet points below-**

- Side gate propped open 15min b4 class to avoid touching handles, as only up to 4 people please keep distance as enter or **drop children and collect from the front mats on path 1m apart outside also markers in the room also showing 1 metre spacings**. **PLEASE WEAR MASKS AS ENTER/LEAVE CLASS** unless exempt and see note underneath re masks on the sessions if not able to distance.
- **Will do a Temperature check** (no higher than 37.8 B4 enter class).
- **Checking COVID checklist B4 enter workshop only attend if well, and not been with anyone with COVID symptoms or restricted from any travel abroad, or Gov guidance. Recommended <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>**
- **Hand sanitizing on arrival** (available throughout sessions)
- Sanitizing equipment and rigorous cleaning by myself of the workshop B4 and after classes (anti bac wipes available during and lessons) and room will be well ventilated. **I have a large umbrella and tables outside if weather permits.**
- Workspaces been rearranged to allow for 2metre distancing see map in PDF file and avoiding movement around the room - I have a tabletop ironing board and sleeve board and learners welcome to bring their own. **Please let me know what restrictions you would like your child/yourself to try and keep to within the class.**
- Will keep groups small and trying not to mix bubbles - if adults cannot attend a class will be offering online slots rather than attending a different session as before or prep work. **Classes are generally non-refundable – unless cancelled by Ritschelsewingworkshops** kits for children's classes or could attend online.
- It would be beneficial to bring own sewing equipment, if I can lend items I will sanitize (particularly for children's classes). Need to avoid shared items such as threads that cannot be cleaned - would be possible to purchase some items/notions/kits if needed though generally people bring fabrics/patterns/threads etc with them. **If need thread I can provide £1.50 (thread and bobbin) please discuss if need other items.**
- Box for own equipment under table to store items brought form home.

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- I will try and teach at a distance and pass things back and forth, **I can** wear a face shield/mask **when nearer than 2 metres**, as due to the nature of my workshops and help required a distance is not always possible though aim to minimise face to face time. Will look at current info re face covering as guidance constantly changes! **Happy to discuss individually/or & as a group.** I have shields here to wear if choose and can purchase own acetate punched sheets if choose (20p) **if could bring your own mask unless except and can wear if choose/recommended when closer than 1-2 metres** (I have some disposable ones £1).
- **Promote sneeze/catch/cough into tissue (binning) or use clothing & sanitizing hands.**
- **Children's classes bring bottles of water - and adults may want to bring own drinks.**
- **Ideally not to use the toilet but may access round house/front door - as keeping the workshop self-contained initially.**
- **If we are in lockdown/ or any outbreaks due to track and trace would resume lessons either when we can or via online.**