



## **Covid 19 – Our Guidelines and Policy**

Our priority is to safeguard you – our festival goers, our festival volunteers, artists, and contractors who make this festival such a brilliant weekend of storytelling and music.

Therefore, we have put measures in place to keep everyone safe and limit the spread of the virus. Our main approaches will be through supporting social distancing and appropriate hygiene practices. There are things we are doing and things we ask you to do.

We want you to have an enjoyable and memorable festival despite having to do things a little differently.

## **What we are doing by following current Government guidelines**

We are keeping numbers low by operating well below 50% of the sites capacity and below our normal audience levels. This enables campers to have plenty of space and reduces congestion in commonly used areas of the site.

To reduce onsite Box Office queues and cash handling in the Box Office, we have solely sold tickets through online booking. There will be no tickets at the gate this year.

For payments at the festival, we are mindful that not everyone uses bank cards and may need to use cash. Not all traders/caterers/artists onsite will have the facility for contactless/card payments, so cash or cheques will be accepted.

Toilets have been spaced wider apart and hand sanitising stations are positioned outside blocks of toilets. This way you can sanitise your hands before using the toilets and there is hand sanitiser in the toilet units. **There will be no shower facility this year but they will be back next year.**

We have handwashing sinks with water, soap and paper towels, so that you can wash your hands regularly.

There will be ELSAN units on site for the emptying of chemical toilet waste.

Our facilities will be checked and cleaned periodically throughout the weekend.

At the Box Office you will collect your tickets and we will ask you to complete a covid safe declaration which will ask you if you have had any symptoms of covid or being in contact with someone in the last 14 days with symptoms. Your contact details and will be kept for 21 days in case there is need to contact you for track and trace.

You will need to wear a face covering (unless exempt) anywhere on site where you have to queue – such as at the food stalls, or anywhere you cannot avoid standing closer than 2m. Also when seated in the marquees, even though they will be fully ventilated without tent sides. If needed, stewards will remind you about the need to socially distance.

Hand sanitiser will be available to use at each venue.

Seating in the venues will be spaced wider apart, although you will be able to sit in small bubble groups where appropriate. Outside tables and seating will also be generously spaced and we ask that you give each other space while eating and drinking in these areas.



For this year, you will be able to park next to where you camp, this allows greater spacing between campers and lessens the need to move from carparking and camping areas. There will still be a day parking area.

There are fewer workshops this year and all workshops have limited spaces to enable social distancing. The sign-up sheets will be available in the box office at set times.

We are not using wristbands this year (except for the under 8 years tickets, so that parents/carers can still write a mobile contact number) . Instead your tickets are laminated, so that you can keep them clean.

There are bigger gaps between shows to allow for marquees to be cleared, checked and cleaned as needed.

### **What you can do**

Take a free lateral flow test before coming with a negative result. These are available from most Pharmacies. Please don't come if you are showing symptoms of covid – a new continuous cough, a high temperature and loss or change to your taste or sense of smell. If this happens then your tickets will be carried over to 2022.

We encourage you to bring everything you need, such as sanitiser and masks. With Marquees so open for ventilation, we suggest that you bring extra clothing to be prepared for cooler days and chillier nights. And don't forget the waterproofs as well as the sun lotion.

Please maintain social distancing. We know this is a challenge when our festival is a great meeting place for people, and this year more than any, you may not have seen each other for a very long time, but please keep to the 2m whenever possible, particularly when talking facing each other. We are looking for the best "air huggers" at the festival.

Check in on arrival. Our stewards will first check your booking receipt as you arrive and either direct you to the camping area or to day parking. You will then need to go to the Box Office, preferably one of your party if you are with others, to collect your tickets. You can set up camp first. The Box Office will have a limit to how many can be inside at any time, so please observe this rule.

Observe and follow instructions on signs around the site.

Please use the handwash stations regularly in between using hand sanitisers.

If you have children with you, please make sure they are also keeping their hands clean and monitor them in the use of hand sanitisers.

Allow plenty of space between campers. Each camper should have at least a 6m x 6m space.

If possible, consider bringing your own camping toilet. There will be ELSAN units for emptying chemical toilets.

We are looking forward to you joining us for a fabulous weekend of live storytelling and music. Together we can make it a safe and fun festival. Thank you. Festival at the Edge Committee.