

River Thames Boat Project - COVID-19 Policy

We are delighted to be back on the river for our environmental education days and therapeutic cruises. We look forward to welcoming you onboard for some special time on the river.

To be compliant with the relevant UK government COVID-19 Secure guidance, we have had to adapt our services until further notice.

Environmental Education days:

As this is an educational activity and visiting classes are a “bubble”, we can maintain current levels of visitors ie. up to 35 people in each group.

RTBP staff and volunteers will wear face visors at all times when they are in contact with the group and will remain socially distanced from visiting teachers and pupils to the greatest possible extent.

Teaching activities will be held on deck under cover/outdoors and access to the below decks area will be limited to using the WC facilities. There is a one-way system through the boat and a designated WC for our staff and volunteers and a designated WC for the school.

Hand sanitisers will be provided for all visitors before coming onboard the boat and on disembarkation at the end of the day, and all visitors will be encouraged to sanitise hands regularly.

After every visit, there will be a thorough cleaning of all potential contact areas and all equipment.

The contact name and phone number for each group is required before the visit. This will be held for 21 days under Track and Trace regulations.

Cruises:

In order to comply with social distancing requirements, we have had to reduce passenger numbers to 6, including carers.

RTBP staff and volunteers (1 skipper and 2 crew) will wear face visors at all times when they are in proximity to the passengers and will remain socially distanced from them to the greatest possible extent.

Passengers will embark and disembark singly as directed by the crew. The crew will only be able to offer minimal assistance. There are handrails onboard.

Hand sanitisers will be provided for all passengers when they come onboard the boat and on disembarkation at the end of the day, and all passengers will be encouraged to sanitise hands regularly.

There is a designated WC for our staff and volunteers and a designated WC for passengers. Passengers have access to the saloon and foredeck. The galley (kitchen) and sink areas are not available for use. All windows will be opened to ensure ventilation throughout the saloon.

Passengers will not be permitted to access the stern (rear) deck which is reserved for crew, who will stay in this area unless they need access to the foredeck for passing through the locks and to moor up.

After every visit, there will be a thorough cleaning of all potential contact areas.

The contact name and phone number for each guest/group is required before the visit. This will be held for 21 days under Track and Trace regulations.