



Return to Training Framework (Covid-19 Implementation Plan)

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Introduction

This document sets out our framework for reopening our dojang at Vickers Business Centre during an anticipated period of continued restrictions. It outlines the approach that has been taken by the club's instructors and our expectations of members and parents/guardians of juniors.

The intention is to provide an approach that allows us to progressively resume face-to-face physical training in Taekwondo whilst maintaining an environment that is safe and conforms to the guidelines from government and from our National Governing Body, British Taekwondo.

We reopened the dojang for physical class on Sunday 26th July following the initial lockdown. Physical classes were then suspended again between the 2nd November and the 2nd December in line with government guidelines. Physical classes resumed on Thursday 3rd December and were suspended again on the 27th December. Classes proceed on online with resumption of physical classes expected on Monday 12th April 2021. This framework was last updated on the 5th April 2021 and will continued to be updated based on changes to guidelines and our experiences as we resume physical classes.

It is our aim to provide a safe and secure environment for the resumption of more normal Taekwondo training and recognising that fitness and wellbeing will play a vital role in addressing physical and mental health as we emerge from the lockdown measures. However, to be successful in doing so, we need the full support of all students and parents/guardians. We need to be strict with these measures as they are essential to allow us to remain open, and we need everyone's full support for the guidelines in this document. As we can relax measures based on our experiences and guidelines from the Government and British Taekwondo we will do so, and this we will allow us to progress toward a normal training environment that can support all aspects of Taekwondo.

Our framework draws heavily on the UKactive "COVID-19 – A framework for the re-opening of gym, leisure centres and wider fitness industry during social distancing" document, and on the British Taekwondo Return To Training Guidance For British Taekwondo Clubs as updated on the 26th March 2021.

General

- Additional cleaning and sanitising arrangements are in place. All equipment is wiped down between classes. Mats, other surfaces, door handles, etc are wiped down at the end of each day's classes. A full deeper clean is undertaken each week.
- In line with guidance from British Taekwondo and Sport England, we have made the decision to maintain a 2m social distance for our 12+ and family classes. For KickStar and junior classes social distancing will no longer be required by participants.
- There is a limit of 18 students in each class. Classes are assigned to students to allow fair access to all and to ensure that this limit is maintained.
- Hand sanitisers are installed at the entrance and by the toilets. These should be used when entering or leaving the dojang.
- Disposable hand towels are provided in the toilet area.
- The club's instructors are maintaining a risk assessment that is reviewed monthly against experience from this framework and any adjustment to government or British Taekwondo guidelines.
- This framework and the associated risk assessments will be reviewed regularly until the government guidelines are that social distancing is no longer required for any age group and that we are able to resume training without additional controls. This is expected to be at Step 4 of the Government lockdown easing roadmap.
- We encourage all members to make payment for equipment or grading fees via online bank transfer. We will also accept contactless payments. A contactless terminal has been installed to support this. Cash payments will not be accepted without prior arrangement.
- The waiting room is closed until further notice as we cannot manage social distancing in that area.
- The changing rooms are also be closed to students.
- Posters and a display banner are positioned advising on guidelines and general hygiene requirements.
- If you / your children are unwell, please do not attend training. If you / your children test positive for COVID-19, please follow government guidance on "Test and Trace" but also contact us immediately (info@bluewave.org.uk or 0800 860 0043) so we can assess with the support of British Taekwondo on whether we need to take action to close partially or fully for a period of time.

Class Arrival

- As the changing rooms are closed to students, everyone should arrive at the dojang already changed into their dobok with the belt tied, and long hair tied up. All students are expected to be able to tie their belts should they come undone; instructors are not able to assist. A guidance sheet is available for students to

learn how to tie their belt. Students are not permitted to use the toilets for changing before classes.

- Parking should be in the car parks in front of and behind Vickers House. Students are not to be dropped off or collected from the steps by the entrance to the dojang.
- KickStars and juniors are to be brought to the entrance and must be accompanied until brought in the dojang by one of the instructors or assistants. Social distancing markers will be in place outside of the entrance.
- When a junior arrives, they will be brought into the class by one of the instructors or volunteers.
- Once a junior has been dropped off, parents/guardians should leave the area by the doors and steps to allow others to arrive and maintain social distancing.
- Maintaining social distancing at the start and end of the class will not be easy and we will need the active support of parents/guardians to make this work. There will be a minimum of 15 minutes between classes. To allow us to effectively manage the changeover between classes we would ask parent/guardians arriving to drop off juniors to arrive promptly but not more than 5 minutes before the class start time. If you arrive early, we request that you stay in your car until 5 minutes before the scheduled start time for the class.
- To enable easier access to the training area, both outside doors and both inside doors are open at the start and end of each class when weather permits.
- Upon arrival, shoes should be left in the entrance area.
- Students are to place their water bottle and any personal items such as keys and mobile phones in the tray by the wall immediately behind or in front of their starting point. All students must bring a water bottle to each class. Instructors are not permitted to provide bottled water to those who do not do so and therefore anyone attending a class without water will not be permitted to train.

Class Departure

- Students are not permitted to use the toilets or changing rooms for changing after classes.
- Collection for KickStars and juniors is by the front entrance. Social distancing markers are in place outside of the entrance.
- At the end of the class each KickStar or junior will be accompanied to the entrance from where they can be collected.
- Maintaining social distancing at the start and end of the class will not be easy and we will need the active support of parents/guardians to make this work. We would therefore ask that a parent/guardian or another responsible adult is present by the end of the class to collect promptly. If you arrive early, please do not wait on the steps, outside of the door or inside of entrance to the dojang as this makes it difficult to manage class departure and maintain social distancing.

- Late collections will make this difficult for us to manage. We do understand that occasionally delays can occur, but repeated occurrences may result in exclusion from the class.

Class Management

- The government guidelines for indoor leisure are for 9m² per attendee for adults. Our main training area is 180m² therefore the layout of the dojang has been changed to clearly mark out 18 starting points. To allow for effective class management we have decided that all family and 12+ classes will follow the guidance for adults rather than look run two different sets of rules within a single class. In these classes, each student will use one these as the starting point for basics, poomsae and other drills. This also allows for a safe space for the instructors and for movement around the dojang. For junior classes we will also use these starting points but social distancing does not need to now be enforced.
- Classes are preassigned to ensure fair access to physical classes. Any student wishing to train in another class needs to contact Bluewave at least one day before the class to check availability. Pre-booking is a requirement on us to ensure we can maintain the limit on class sizes and is being strictly enforced.
- Students are permitted to go to the toilet one at a time to avoid excessive contact in the toilet area and to allow time for the student to fully follow hand washing guidelines.
- Water breaks are being taken as usual to allow for proper hydration. However, students in family and 12+ classes are not allowed to group together during these breaks.
- Instructors are not permitted to pass any items to students nor to assist with clothing, shoes, belts, water bottles etc. Instructors must maintain 2m distance except where holding paddles for junior students when they must wear a mask and gloves.
- If first aid is required, the first aider will wear a mask and gloves. All equipment will be sanitised immediately afterwards.
- Students should not bring anything, e.g. towels, on to mats other than their water bottle personal items such as keys or mobile phone, or items for medical support such as an inhaler. These are to be placed in the trays by their training area.
- The use of masks is permitted but not required. It is a personal choice whether students or instructors use them with the exception that instructors must use masks and gloves when assisting a student with equipment.
- If a KickStar or junior, becomes ill during a class, is unwilling to engage in the activities or in the opinion of the instructors has become disruptive to the safe running of the class, parents/guardians will be contacted to collect them immediately. If a student is repeatedly disruptive in a way that risks our ability to run classes in a safe manner they will be excluded from training. We would appreciate your support with this as this will help us maintain a safe training environment.

- Training is focused on technical and fitness work, including basics, poomsae, non-contact sparring and non-contact one-step. All partner work in family and 12+ classes is non-contact and maintaining a social distance of at least 2m. In KickStar and Junior classes equipment use is permitted within the guidelines issued British Taekwondo.
- When we do return to contact sparring, all students will be expected to have their own basic protective equipment, shin guards and arm guards. When we resume Sport Training, students attending will be encouraged to have a full set of protective equipment including hogu and head guard.

Class Schedule

- We are running a phased return to physical training. The Class schedule will be adjusted depending on the exact guidelines issued by the UK Government.
- We will expand to a full technical programme as soon as guidelines allow, but this will depend on the level of participation and the availability of instructors, assistant instructors, and volunteers.
- The Stretching and Flexibility Class and the Dan Poomsae class will continue to be streamed online. The Competition Poomsae Class will be streamed only if more than 18 people wish to attend.
- We have shortening adult / 12+ classes to one hour initially to take account of the limitations on contact activity. We feel that one hour is appropriate for detailed technical training. We plan to return to 1½ hour classes for adults once social distancing is no longer required.
- The schedule as of the 12th April will be;

Day	Times	Class
Sunday	4.00 – 4.45pm	High Energy/HITT – All Ages / All Grades
	5.00 – 6.00pm	Family – All Ages / All Grades
	6.15 – 6.45pm **	Stretching and Flexibility - All Ages / All Grades
Monday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Juniors – All Grades
	7.15 – 8.15pm	Adults – All Grades
	8.30 – 9.00pm **	Dan grade poomsae – Minimum 1 st Dan Black Belt
Thursday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Juniors – All Grades
	7.15 – 8.15pm	Adults – All Grades
Friday	5.00 – 5.45pm	KickStars
	6.00 – 7.00pm	Juniors – All Grades
	7.15 – 8.15pm	Ages 7+ / All Grades

- Classes marked ** above will be available as online classes as well as physical classes.
- Competition Poomsae Training will typically run on the first and third Saturday of the month from 12.30-2.30pm for all grades with an extra hour from 2.30-3.30pm

for dan grades. However, for April 2021 there will be just one session Saturday 17th April.

- Sport Training and Senior Belt Training will recommence when guidelines permit us to do so. This is expected to occur at Step 4, no earlier than the 21st June.
- It is expected that the class schedule above will be in place until Step 4. Once all social distancing requirements are removed, a new schedule will be put in place to provide a return to normal training for all age groups.

Online Classes

- Selected specialist classes will be live streamed as well as being physical classes.
- It is not the intention of the club to maintain streaming for general classes.
- Students attending Zoom classes should be in the waiting room 5 minutes before the scheduled start time for the class to allow the instructor to open the Zoom session before starting the physical class.
- Instructors will not be able to monitor the Zoom session so they will not respond to chat nor be able to admit students arriving after the start of the class.
- All students attending online should follow the Taekwondo etiquette as those attending the class physically. This includes wearing a dobok with a belt in all classes except for the stretching and flexibility class and the high energy class and should attend for the full class.
- The latest Zoom connection details are in the “About” section of the Bluewave Online Facebook Group.
- The same training fees will apply to online and physical classes.

Fees

- The club finances come from training fees with a small additional amount from grading fees and equipment sales. All fees go into the club to pay for our facilities at Vickers Business Centre, updates to equipment and membership and insurance with British Taekwondo. These costs have continued through lockdown as we have had to continue to pay lease costs and insurances. We are a volunteer club, so we do not have any employment costs. Fortunately, we have been able to secure some grant funding and therefore the club's finances have remained solid through lockdown, but we need to rebuild the club so that we are able to rebuild the club's finances to be able to fund improvements such as in heating and replacing the mats in the main training area.
- The club has continued to renew British Taekwondo membership and insurance for those actively engaged in the online classes.
- Fees are payable for all classes, both physical and online. The same monthly fee applies to both.

Gradings

- We are running gradings with a modified grading programme.
- With restrictions on contact activity, there will be some adaptations to the gradings. At this point we do not expect gradings until Step 4 to include contact sparring, breaking, self-defence or one-step. However, these will be replaced by the demonstration of distanced one-step, sparring drills demonstrated on bags and additional emphasis on poomsae, kibon patterns and basics. These adapters are being practiced in class. Bluewave is proud of its technical standard and this will not be compromised.
- We are modifying how we manage gradings with more groups with different start times to ensure we can maintain social distancing. Details will be confirmed to candidates in the grading letter.

Making this work

- We continue to need the support of all our members and their families to make this work and to take the opportunity not only to rebuild Bluewave but to make us a larger and stronger club.
- We are a volunteer club. All our instructors and assistant instructors are volunteers and have their own concerns about returning to training and this needs to be respected.
- We expect all our members and parents/guardians to help us make these guidelines work. Not doing so risks our ability to operate and provide a safe environment, so if necessary, we will use the club's disciplinary procedures to enforce the guidelines, but we would like that not to become necessary. Please be aware that since the 24th September, the social distancing requirements were legally enforceable and therefore failure to comply risks a personal fine of £200 and the club risking a fine of £10,000.
- All junior and KickStar classes need to have at least one assistant or volunteer supporting the lead instructor. This is necessary to support class management particularly at the start and end of the class. Any adults who would like to support in classes please let us know. Volunteers to help in class do not need to be training as they will be assisting with general class management and not with the coaching of the session. We need this support to allow us to gradually expand the number of classes back to a full schedule.
- Recruitment is critical. We need to grow our numbers to be able to expand the schedule and rebuild the club's finances. We encourage all members to talk to friends and family about trying Taekwondo with Bluewave. This is an opportunity for us to grow.
- We hope that everyone will continue to fully support our plans and especially help ensure we can run classes in a safe and supportive environment. We want our members to be able to return to training hard and having fun.