



Hi All

We hope you and all your family are keeping well. As we return to the new “normal”.

We have been in contact with our venues since the Government released new guidelines that we can reopen. Working in line with the current social distancing guidelines we are pleased to announce from the 1st August we will be able to open Jubilee Hall and Hamsteels if there is sufficient demand. We only have room at Hamsteels for 6 students per class and at Jubilee Hall 10 students.

We will be reopening Belmont from the 1st September and I am waiting to see if the school puts a restriction on the number of students, however due to the size of the hall I’m pretty sure we can still fit 30 but await their guidance. We can also hire the field from 1st August if weather permits and there is enough interest.

There will be changes at all our venues with one way systems where possible. At Belmont the balcony area is now off limits so parents will need to leave children and return for them, this will be the same at Jubilee Hall as we don’t have any access to any separate area which would allow social distancing and we will need to keep the footfall to students only. Hamsteels has the café area, again I would advise where possible to leave children and return for them as the centre may only allow so many to access due to social distancing rules. You will of course be allowed to wait outside and in the carpark if you would prefer, if children are to be left please ensure you make us aware of your contact number. I would advise just 1 parent to attend to bring along your children. More details to follow as plans are drawn up by our venues and ourselves as discussions continue. Times of classes are subject to change whilst we work through this period with a view to return to normal when guidance allows. I know all enjoy watching their children but during this period these measures need to be in place and ensure everyone’s safety and allow instructors more time to teach. If we allow parents into the hall this will require further setup, less students due to distancing and more for the instructors to clean. I would appreciate feedback however on this matter to ensure we get this correct.

We still have no date for Willington as their staff are on Furlough and we expect September at the earliest.

This is all new to us so your continued support to get through this period would be very much appreciated.

We have many new rules to adhere to which we will release as per each venue but what I would like to do first before arranging a date to resume training at our venues is to find out who would like to return to training. We do hope all would like to but the break in training may have led to a few deciding to give up Karate, we do hope this is not the case.

All training at our venues will be on a booking only basis until further notice and all membership must be in date to train. I can let anyone know where membership has expired, it is £15 to renew.

If you could please come back to us asap about your position with regards to returning to training and then we can release a start date, class times available and the bookings details.

We look forward to welcoming all students back safely and in line with our and our venues COVID Secure Policies.

Best Wishes

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