



Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1037
Ein cyf/Our ref DET/02556/20

Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 October, on behalf of your constituents, regarding the petition P-05-1037 – Children lockdown training.

As of the 16 October, accessing organised activities for children including sports classes is a reasonable excuse for leaving or entering an area with local restrictions. However, you should only do so if you can't reasonably be expected to do this inside your local area. You can also enter or leave an area to access childcare or education.

Organisers must be aware of the duties applying to those responsible for the premises to ensure reasonable measures to minimise the risk of exposure to, and spread of, coronavirus. Where the activities are taking place in an indoor public space the use of face-coverings will be required by anyone who is aged 11 or over, unless they have a reasonable excuse not to wear one.

If you are transporting your child to and from an organised activity for children and this involves entering or leaving an area with local restrictions, you can remain in the area while waiting for your child to complete the activity. However, while away from your area you should keep any contact with other people to an absolute minimum.

If you are 18 or over, travelling to and from the area for amateur sport activities is not permissible, unless you are a professional sportsperson, an elite athlete as designated by Sport Wales or a child under the age of 18 on 31 August 2020. We will continue to monitor the science and data, and aim to allow all adults to travel more freely to participate in sports as soon as possible, but only when it safe to do so.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Sport volunteers, such as coaches, who are required to facilitate activities for under 18s are allowed to travel. Facilitating organised activities for children is a reasonable excuse for leaving or entering an area if the activity cannot run elsewhere or without them being present. However, sports clubs should make provisions that minimise travel in or out of an area with local restrictions, including utilising alternative locations, and using coaches/volunteers from within the local area, if possible.

Further information on Welsh Government's Covid Regulations can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

However, you will be aware that a short, sharp "circuit breaker" or "fire-break" will be introduced across Wales on 23 October to help regain control of coronavirus. A series of restrictive measures will be in place from 6pm Friday 23 October until the start of Monday 9 November 2020. Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions relating to the fire-break can be found at: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions>

I hope this clarifies the regulations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Elis-Thomas'.

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