



COVID 19 Guidelines for Kenshukai Karate classes

In line with the government guidelines for reopening studios and leisure facilities in England from the 19th July 2021, The National Association of Karate and Martial Arts Schools (NAKMAS) recommend the following guidelines which we will be implementing.

All students (or parents) and instructors will be asked before coming to class:

In the previous 14 days have you:

- Had any COVID-19 symptoms?
- Been in contact with any confirmed/suspected COVID-19 case?
- Travelled internationally?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, TO ANY QUESTION PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND CLASS.

* We have discussed with venue management their requirements, working with them to ensure the safety of everyone we bring to classes.

*Students and instructors will be expected to wash or sanitise their hands, on arrival and after touching any communal equipment.

*The number of students permitted indoors will depend on the size of the studio or hall.

*Class sizes will be reduced where needed.

* We will be providing an online booking service to find out numbers of students attending per class and take advanced payments to minimise social contact in class and maintain social distancing.

* Where possible, one door for entrance and another for exit.

* Unfortunately, spectators are not permitted at this time.

* 5 minutes will be allowed between classes to avoid groups waiting outside during changeover.

* We will ensure adequate ventilation before, during and after class and speak to halls about opening fire exit doors in large halls (some have alarms).

*Students must not share personal equipment, pads, mitts etc

*All corrections to technique will be verbal.

*No physical touch – hugs, shaking hands, high fives, fist bumps and so on.

* We will be providing hand sanitiser and encouraging students to bring their own too.

*Hands must be washed or sanitised after handling cash.

* We will keep a register of anyone attending the class (as always)

* Any equipment used will be thoroughly disinfected before, during and after sessions, such as desk and contactless reader.

* Students will be allowed to bring a sealed water bottle into class as hydration is essential while exercising, no communal cups in halls to be used.

* Students should come to class in their gi(karate suit) and change once they return home.

*Sparring and partner work will be allowed in bubbles of 6 students with family members where possible. (Students can choose not to take part in partner work if they are not comfortable).

*Membership/license book's to be marked by student at home when they attend class.

*Kiai's will be reduced to a low level and not the usual shout except during Kata.

*Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask to and from Karate if they wish or are required to, however as stated in the government guidelines for providers of grassroots sports they are not recommended during karate.

“All forms of face coverings may restrict breathing efficiency and should not be used during exercise except on specific advice from a physician.”

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>