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## **[FUSE] Youth Timetable for Lockdown #3 during January & February 2021**

- **Tuesdays : 4:30-6pm: online via ZOOM**

FUSE [X] Social – virtual games and fun for young people in school years 6 – 9

- **Wednesdays : 4:30-6pm : online via ZOOM**

FUSE [+] Social – virtual games and fun for young people in schools years 9 - 13

- **Wednesdays MONTHLY : 7:30-9pm : online via ZOOM – 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Wednesday Worship – includes times of sung worship and interactive prayer  
for young people in both FUSE [X] & [+] (*school years 6 – 13*)

- **Sundays : 7:30-8:30pm : online via ZOOM**

[FUSE] Sundays Session – activities and Bible exploration for young people in both FUSE [X] & [+] *all young people will start together for first 15 mins for the theme talk, and then split into separate groups – one for FUSE [X] and one for FUSE [+] – in “breakout rooms” for discussion and chat for about 40mins before joining together at the end to pray.*

- **Support Sessions : can be arranged as needed/wanted**

We can offer support to young people through a few different ways during this lockdown period:

1. Online chats via video messaging / phone calls
2. 1-2-1 meet ups/chats either outside or in an appropriate “covid-19 secure venue”
3. Small group support sessions for young people who really need the extra support

All of the above can be regular session or just “one-offs” as and when needed.

So, overall, we hope to see a young person from either FUSE [X] or [+] at least once a week, but would love to see them each twice! 😊

Finally, all of the above will be under constant review as the regulations and guidelines may change and develop, as well as the needs for the young people. We aim to see how things go until the end of January, and then see what would be best from there.

As you may be aware we are able to offer youth work activities and events under the Government's Covid-19 secure guidelines.

The youth sector was upgraded last year to "essential" and so is allowed to work with young people for sessions and support work.

This, of course, doesn't mean we can do whatever we want, but rather that there are clear guidelines and regulations that we can follow to provide a youth programme for our young people. These regulations cover all work with young people and children, including face-to-face as well as online activities.

The National Youth Agency are the governing body behind the youth sector in the UK, and their "Managing Youth Activities and Spaces during Covid-19" guidance booklet covers all youth and children sector activities, including the faith sector, for 4-18+ years old.

So this is the guidance that we are following is version 4.2: <https://nya.org.uk/guidance/>

The NYA also inform us that we are currently at "RED" level for the types of work we can do with youth & children during Lockdown #3, which includes:

- Online and digital youth sessions
- Detached/outdoor local youth sessions
- 1-2-1 sessions indoors for 'vulnerable' and/or 'high need' young people
- Support group sessions delivered indoors for 'vulnerable' and/or 'high need' young people

The sessions are to take place in 'bubbles' of up to 15 children and/or young people maximum, plus leaders on top. These 'bubbles' must operate in "covid-19 secure venues" and:

- can be formed as and when needed.
- do not need to be the same as school bubbles and are not expected to be.
- are allowed to include multiple households with clear social distancing.
- do not have to be the same each time, but that is *encouraged*.
- must follow all required social distancing - 2m distance, face mask wearing (unless exempt or under 11 years old), regular hand sanitizing, not sharing resources / equipment UNLESS it is cleaned between each person's use.
- are permitted indoors and/or outdoors.
- can only operate one at a time in the same building.

Ultimately, during RED restrictions nearly all children's and youth work provision is online.

But in order to help support children and young people who would still really need, and benefit from, having some face-to-face sessions, these are allowed to operate for children and young people who are really struggling and/or are going through a really tough time.

There is no definition for what makes a child or young person 'vulnerable' and/or 'high need' as the Government recognise that situations can change for children and young people all time.

So it is left to the discretion of the local youth and children's workers to offer support sessions as they feel best for the children and young people's mental & physical health.