



## COVID-19 Responsible direction for face-to-face Army Cadet activity in England

### General

1. The Army Cadet documents below cover the rules and procedures regarding face-to-face Army Cadet activity during the COVID-19 pandemic when restrictions are in force across the UK.
  - a. Return to Training – How to Guide
  - b. Delivering the APC Syllabus Under COVID-19 Restrictions
2. This addendum provides the current specific requirements for training activity for Army Cadet Force (ACF) and Combined Cadet Force (Army) (CCF(A)) in ENGLAND ONLY.
3. This guidance is based on direction from the National Youth Agency (NYA) which is the authority to be followed for all youth sector activity in ENGLAND.
4. **Army Cadets Readiness Level – The Army Cadets in England are currently at Readiness Level 4 for under-18s and Readiness Level 5 for over-18s.**
5. **ACF Action.**
  - a. The direction in Sections One and Two in this Addendum must be followed.
  - b. Any ACF units who have not been authorised for Level 3 training by their RPoC are to follow the procedures outlined in accordance with the Return to Training – How to Guide.
6. **CCF(A) Action.**
  - a. The direction is Section One direction in this Addendum must be followed.
  - b. CCF(A) units are to comply with Section Two where they are conducting cadet training which is outside of school premises.
7. Units should seek advice as required from RFCA, CTT, and RPoC staff if uncertain about any aspect of this guidance.
8. This addendum will be updated as and when required.

## Section One

### 1. National Lockdown in ENGLAND.

- a. **ACF** – During any period of national lockdown in England, and, when the National Youth Activity (NYA) Readiness Level is RED, all Army Cadet Force units must cease face-to-face activity and move to Army Cadet Readiness Level 1 in line with the dates of the observed national lockdown and NYA RED readiness level.
- b. **CCF(A)** – During any period of national lockdown in England, and, when the NYA readiness level is RED, but schools remain open, CCF(A) units may continue to conduct activities at Army Cadet Readiness Level 3 on school premises ONLY if HT/SLT wishes and follows school's guidance. This must be with school SLT agreement and in accordance with Delivering the APC Syllabus Under COVID-19 Restrictions where appropriate, and within School and Department for Education guidelines. CTT support to in-school activities may continue as normal if the School is content and requests it. No CCF off school activity will be authorised.

### 2. NYA Readiness Levels.

- a. **NYA Readiness Level RED.** During any period of temporary restrictions across regions of ENGLAND when the National Youth Activity (NYA) Readiness Level is RED, all ACF units in that region must cease face-to-face activity and move to Army Cadet Readiness Level 1 in line with the dates of the observed temporary restrictions and NYA RED Readiness level.
- c. **NYA Readiness Level AMBER.** During any period of temporary restrictions across regions of ENGLAND when the National Youth Agency Readiness Level is AMBER, youth sector activity may continue and Army Cadet units are cleared for Level 3 training in accordance with NYA guidance and Delivering the APC Syllabus Under COVID-19 Restrictions.

### 3. Local Restrictions. Any ACF units operating in an area with local restrictions, should consider whether face-to-face training should be paused. This is a local command decision based on assessment of the situation, a review of protocols and risk assessments, and in the best interest of the cadets.

### 4. Level 2, 3 and 4 Training. All under-18s in the ACF and CCF in England are at Level 4.

- a. All ACF training must be conducted in accordance with Delivering the APC Syllabus Under COVID-19 Restrictions, NYA guidelines and the specific direction in Section Two. This direction will be updated as rules in ENGLAND change.
- b. All CCF(A) training must be delivered in accordance with School policy and DfE guidelines, and where applicable in accordance with Army Cadets direction and guidance.

### 5. Level 5 Training. Level 5 training (overseas activity) is ONLY permitted for those aged 18 or over for ACF and CCF(A) units based in ENGLAND, subject to the restrictions in Section Two.

## Section Two

This guidance is a summary of key points taken from the National Youth Agency Guidance. All Army Cadet activities in ENGLAND must adhere to the latest NYA guidance **Managing Youth Sector Activities and Spaces during COVID-19 v9** dated 2 Dec 21 which can be found [here](#).

	ENGLAND Specific – COVID-19 Training Guidelines
1.	<p>The Army Cadets direction for minimum COVID restrictions for activity in ENGLAND is outlined below.</p> <p>The decision to operate under these minimum force health protection measures is up to the chain of command who have the authority to impose further localised COVID restrictions as appropriate to meet the needs of the cadets, CFAVs and their community.</p> <p>Army Cadets must take all necessary precautions whilst conducting activities to reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19.</p> <p>Venues (including DTE locations) and third party providers may have additional COVID requirements and restrictions which must also be complied with. It is the responsibility of the Activity Owner to understand and implement any additional restrictions required.</p>
2.	<p>All Army Cadet activity must be <b>COVID Responsible</b>. The Army Cadet's goal at all times should be to minimise the risk of COVID transmission.</p> <p>Many restrictions have been relaxed, but <b>COVID Responsible</b> measures must be maintained to reduce the likelihood of transmission during Army Cadet Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robust hygiene measures are in place including frequent handwashing/cleansing with gel</li> <li>• Venue is clean, and kept clean throughout activities</li> <li>• Face coverings are worn where deemed appropriate (poor ventilation, confined spaces)</li> <li>• Social distancing is imposed in poorly ventilated spaces</li> <li>• NHS test and trace information is gathered and used where needed</li> <li>• Activities are conducted in training groups to limit likelihood of transmission across whole unit.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Army Cadets may meet indoors or outdoors without limitations on group size for either residential or non-residential activity</p> <p>The regulations no longer require Army Cadets to limit their training / training groups to a maximum number of attendees.</p>
4.	<p>Face Coverings must be worn for all personnel for activity conducted indoors unless exempt or under the age of 11.</p>

5.	There are no restrictions on numbers in accommodation on Army Cadet residential activity. Units must still comply with venue imposed COVID restrictions on numbers.
6.	<p>Rules for instances of COVID on residential activity. All individuals will be required to self- isolate as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Someone develops symptoms or tests positive on an LFT, they <b>must return home</b> and get a PCR test</li> <li>All others who have been in contact are to <b>undertake a lateral flow test</b>. If results are negative they can stay. If the result is positive they have to go home and get a PCR test</li> <li>If PCR test is negative, nothing more needs doing</li> <li>If PCR test is positive, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any close contact who is over <b>16</b> and <b>not</b> double vaccinated 14 days prior to the test <b>must return home</b> to isolate for 10 days.</li> <li>Those who are <b>under 16 or</b> double vaccinated 14 days prior to the test are permitted to remain on an event but should lateral flow every 24 hours.</li> <li>Report to NHS track and trace service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.	<b>Any positive PCR result is not to be reported to the Army chain of command.</b> Positive results should be reported via the NHS track and trace system.
8.	<p>Lateral Flow testing is <b>recommended</b> for all participants before, during and after residential activity at 48-72 hour intervals. These should be provided by the individual cadet/CFAV attending the event and are easily available across England for free.</p> <p><b>See CFI 21/03/002 v2 Lateral Flow Device Testing within the Army Cadets. Please note that there is additional information on routine testing in the Return to Training – How to Guide v3 for those who have had a positive test in the last 90 days.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Overseas Activity</b></p> <p>Level 5 training, overseas activity, is now <b>ONLY</b> authorised for personnel 18 and over in the Army Cadets in <b>ENGLAND</b> and subject to the following restrictions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International travel is permitted in line with Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) travel advice.</li> <li>All overseas travel by either cadets or CFAVs must be authorized by SO2 Trg Ops, HQ Army Cadets. Any overseas travel undertaken without HQ Army Cadets authority is not permitted. Authority in Principle (AiP) is not authorisation to travel, it must be Authority to Conduct which will only be given when all requirements, including COVID mitigation measures, are fulfilled.</li> <li>The FCDO travel list (and broader international travel policy) is subject to change countries may be moved into red at short notice. The travel lists may change during a visit, and you must comply with international travel legislation and should have contingency plans in place to account for these changes.</li> <li>Army Cadet activity to take place in non-RED list countries only, and units must follow all UK and in-country specific precautions.</li> <li>Any associated costs for any required testing and/or isolation in UK or in country by CFAVs or Cadets cannot be claimed or reimbursed from public</li> </ol>

	<p>funds. Mitigation measures and plans must be in place for this eventuality before travel.</p> <p>6. Travel insurance must be in place for all overseas travel.</p> <p>7. Applications for overseas travel must be submitted via the Chain of Command to SO2 Trg Ops, HQ Army Cadets</p>
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