



Shorinjiryu Renshinkan Karate-do | **England** | **COVID-19 Update, March 17th**

Dear Parents and Students,

Since the first news of the COVID-19 outbreak, we have been doing everything we can to provide the safest environment possible, whilst protecting our children in particular, from unnecessary worry and stress. This has involved adopting all of the measures the government has advised, and following an 'as you were' operation. We introduced the following very particular safety measures:

- 1) No pair works
- 2) No sparring
- 3) Distancing measures
- 4) Strict application of hand washing and no touch between students and Sensei.

We are now into a new phase of the outbreak, and the government has suggested that all unnecessary social activity should be curtailed voluntarily, whilst still maintaining that the schools remain open.

Having discussed this fully with our Sensei Leadership Team, we are going to close all indoor classes as from Friday, when most public schools and universities will be shut, and it is possible all other schools will shut within the next week or so. At this stage, we foresee that this will be for the Easter holiday period only, but this may well change. This decision is subject to the most rigorous and constant review following on from government advice, and our views as a senior team, of our particular responsibilities as a community organization.

I hope you will continue to support our school, and rest assured that we will be doing everything we can to keep you abreast of things both within and without our community. As a strong community, we must all take care to look after each other, and support each other. Preparations are already well underway for our first grading of the year on May 17th, and I am sure, we will all return back to indoor training with renewed vigor after this short break.

The Sensei team, Tom Abbosh, Cameron Ireland, Jamie Shuck, Martin Hadden and myself send you all warm wishes and assure you that we will be here for you and your family. Please do not hesitate to make contact or ask for our support (however trivial it may seem) if you are in lockdown or suffering any family health pressures.

We will also start work on providing a network of volunteers to undertake emergency shopping etcetera. If you would like to be a member of this Voluntary Support Team, please do contact any of your Sensei and advise them as soon as possible.

Yours most sincerely,

Julia Shihan & Tom Abbosh, Cameron Ireland, Martin Hadden, Jamie Shuck Sensei's.