

Yeovil

Junior Badminton Club

Name of Club: Yeovil Junior Badminton Club
Date of return: Monday 12th April
and had 9 attendees which is not bad for a half term session Our second session on 19th April had 16 attendees.

How did it go?

The parents were really pleased that there was an event for their children to take part in so that life could begin to feel more normal. The children were mainly just happy to be out and doing something. Though we did have one child who was a bit overawed with being with so many other children and remained at the side of the court still playing with his mum, but not joining in with the others.

How did you make the session safe?

We use the Discover Badminton app to limit the number of children who attend. We split the children into 2 groups depending on size, age and ability. We had hand sanitiser available throughout the session. Each group used their own shuttles and placed them into different containers at the end - ensuring the shuttles are in isolation for 72 hours. We had wipes available for those who use our rackets to wipe the handles etc.



Have you used any of Badminton England's 'return to play' resources / guidance?

We follow the guidance as closely as we can. We made up a crib sheet and sent this out to the parents before the first session, so they knew what to expect

Have you had to overcome any challenges?

The centre staff have been very helpful, and everyone is keen for the sessions to take place - staff, parents and children alike so they are doing everything to the letter, using the hand sanitiser, wipes and keeping their distance from each other. They wear masks into the venue as the venue instructs and nobody has made any complaints or comments about anything.



"It is really lovely to be back in here (Westlands) and doing something!" Emily Waters (Parent)

"The kids are desperate to get out and take part in activities. They have really missed seeing the friends they have made at these sessions before the lockdown started" Martin Thomas (Coach)

"It is great to see a hall full of young badminton players keen to take part, some for the very first time. All enjoying not being at home or at school" Jane Lipton (Coach)