



Health Safeguarding Terms and Conditions

COVID-19 and other viruses such as influenza remain both a fact of life and a threat to health and day-to-day activities. To safeguard you, me, my other students, and our families, I have these additional terms and conditions. They are designed to help reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting any virus whilst taking driving lessons.

1. Reducing risk

- ❖ I will aim to minimize risk by keeping the car as clean as possible, internally.
- ❖ I am unable to guarantee that you will not become infected by a virus during your driving lesson, especially since we cannot sit well apart, and are operating in a confined space that is used by a number of different people.

2. Responsibility

- ❖ By either signing this document or taking driving lessons with me, you are agreeing to accept financial responsibility (loss, cost or expense) if you contract or pass on any virus as a result of taking driving lessons.
- ❖ You are also committing not to take any action against me to recover any such finances.
- ❖ As soon as you are made aware that you or anyone in your household might have possibly contracted an infectious illness, you need to contact me. This will help me to decide whether it is necessary to postpone any future lessons (with yourself or others). Please ensure that you have given me as much notice of this issue as possible. Whilst I generally choose to waive the lesson charge for those cancelled due to illness, this is on a case by case basis dependent on what the illness is and that you have genuinely given me as much notice as possible. Please work with me to help you.
- ❖ I will seek to check you are well by text in advance of each lesson. Please answer as promptly as possible and honestly regarding yourself and those you live with about any possible contacts or symptoms. If you do not reply in good time ahead of when I must leave to travel to you for your lesson, I will have to assume that you are unable to take the lesson but it will be chargeable. Remember to give me as much notice as possible of any illness (see the above point)
- ❖ If you cancel after confirming the lesson or cancel after I have travelled to the lesson, then the lesson

is chargeable as my time is already being used for your needs and cannot be used for other paying students.

- ❖ It is the responsibility of you, the student, to ensure that I have your up-to-date contact details, and that if these change (for example getting a new mobile phone) that you share the new number at which I can reach you.
- ❖ I reserve the right to postpone the lesson if I suspect you may have symptoms consistent with being infected by a serious illness or have been seriously exposed to one.
- ❖ I reserve the right to charge you for any driving lessons I have to postpone if I feel that you could have notified me sooner of the symptoms.

3. My health status

- ❖ I will keep you promptly informed if I have contracted COVID-19 or any other serious infectious illness. I will follow any current government guidelines that exist and, as such, may need self-isolate and thus postpone lessons (including test attendance), which would of course not be chargeable.

4. Preventative measures

- ❖ The wearing of face masks is still a good way to prevent infectious disease spread. I encourage students to consider wearing a face mask if mildly unwell (such as with a cold virus) and reserve the right to do so myself.
- ❖ Please continue to practise good hygiene by washing or sanitising your hands regularly. I do have suitable products in the car for your use including tissues and hand sanitiser.
- ❖ Cash is both unhygienic and inconvenient. Please pay by online banking direct into my account if at all possible.
- ❖ Fresh air flow is known to help dilute viral load and so I will ventilate the car by keeping at least some windows open during lessons as well as further ventilating between lessons. Please be aware of this in your clothing choices for your lessons regarding the season / time of year. Think about your coolness for concentration in hot weather. Also think of your warmth in the winter whilst avoiding excess bulk of clothing that can limit control and thus car safety.

5. Adverse weather

- ❖ I reserve the right to postpone lessons on the grounds of safety in matters such as dangerous weather conditions. Such lessons are not chargeable, but I am not responsible for any other costs you incur.
- ❖ If you postpone a viable booked lesson at short notice, the 48 hour notice of cancellation rule will **not** apply to this new lesson booking. As such the lesson IS chargeable if cancelled by the student.
- ❖ A lesson may be cut short if I judge that the weather has deteriorated to the degree of being unsafe in which to continue. Any remaining lesson time will be carried over to be used at a mutually suitable time.

- ❖ As stated in my T&C, I am not responsible for any test cancellations by the DVSA due to bad weather. The notice that the DVSA give is very short in order to not cause unnecessary cancellations: they only cancel one test time slot at a time, and we need to contact the individual test centre directly close to your test time to determine if it will occur or not. Dependent on your personal geography relating to the test centre, this may necessitate actually attending the test (especially if the first one of the day as the centre is not open early enough to cancel more than a few minutes ahead) or me attending your home for us to then phone. As always, any diary time booked and so reserved for you needs to be paid for.

Please sign to confirm your acceptance of the detailed additional health safeguarding terms and conditions in this document

Student name:

Student signature:

Legal guardian name (if above under 18):

Legal guardian signature (if above under 18):

Date:

