

Update: "MUGA" to reopen from Saturday, 20th June 2020

Information for hirers:

Using existing government guidance, the Sports Centre at Copleston High School will be opening its Multi-Games Area (MUGA) for tennis court hire. The following will inform members of the public of how to book the tennis courts and how to ensure "Safe play" throughout.

1. Facilities

Initially, the only permitted outdoor facility is the MUGA. Only 2 of the 4 tennis courts will be bookable as attempts to "socially distance" customers are managed. Use of the "YM Clubhouse" will not be permitted.

The Sports Centre Reception will be used to arrange card/contactless payments. Usual access to first aid and emergency equipment will be maintained.

The individual, unisex toilet will be made available for customers.

The remainder of the Sports Centre will be closed off and other outdoor facilities (i.e. the All-Weather Area) will remain locked and out of bounds.

2. "Social Distancing" rules/other "Safe Play" measures

Participants and others must maintain a safe two metre distance throughout any organised activity.

The government is clear that sports participation should be restricted to participants exercising by themselves, or with members from their same household, or a minimum of two metres apart from one member of another household, observing social distancing guidelines.

"Spectating" members, without a booking, are not permitted. Where attendance of a parent/guardian (non-participant) is required, or a carer for a disabled player, this is limited to one per player where possible, with social distancing strictly observed while watching the sessions.

Users must bring their own equipment, including tennis balls, and participants should not share equipment (including grips, racquets and towels etc.)

It is advised that users clean and wipe down their equipment, including racquets and water bottles before and after use. Facilities will be provided near the courts.

3. Hygiene & Risk management

All activity should be consistent with the government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene. A thorough risk assessment has been undertaken, and appropriate measures put in place to ensure participants and staff are protected.

A member of staff will be tasked with regularly wiping down these touch points (between bookings), specifically gate handles to the MUGA. Focus, inside the Sports reception, will be given to door handles, the card payment machine, and the toilet facility.

Signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique etc. are already in use at the Sports Centre.

A “cleaning station” will be set up outside the MUGA which will include hand sanitiser, paper towels and a bin. This is in addition to the supplies provided in the Sports Centre reception area.

Centre staff will ensure nets are maintained at the appropriate height to avoid players having to adjust them.

Clear signage will be in place explaining the following:

- One person at a time will be permitted access to the Sports Centre to either use the toilet facility or make payment for a court booking.

4. How to make bookings and payments

All bookings will be taken in advance, over the phone or via email:

- Copleston Centre: (01473) 277260
- CoplestonCentre@copleston.suffolk.sch.uk
- or dking@copleston.suffolk.sch.uk (David King, Centre Manager)

Hourly slots will be available on Saturdays and Sundays: 9-10am, 10-11am and so on, until play concludes at 1pm. There is no restriction, currently, to how many consecutive hours may be booked.

The normal 5-minute changeover period after 55 minutes of play will remain in place (as stated in the school’s Lettings Policy).

Equipment will not be available to hire (racquets and balls etc.)

Only card payments on the day, will be taken as payment. The hire charge is £6.50 per court/hour.