

# Ashdown Manna Cookery School - Covid 19 Update

**Sadly following the Government's recent announcement, the school will now have to close until at least mid February. If you have a booking with us in January/February, we will contact you over the next few days, to arrange either a new course date for you later in the Spring, if not convenient a credit voucher will be issued for 12 months. If you booked your course using one of our gift vouchers, this will also be extended by 12 months. Please bear with us, as this will take sometime to contact everyone but we will do this as quickly as we can.**

**When we are able to open our doors again, we have undertaken a full Covid-19 Risk Assessment to ensure we are Covid 19 Compliant in consultation with our local authority.**

**Please see the steps we have taken below.**

**Thank you for your patience and support, and we look forward to seeing you soon.**

- We have reduced our group sizes by 50% to a maximum of 4-5 people per course. This will ensure you have at least 1 meter+ social distancing from your fellow students.
- We have extended our main demonstration area and installed Perspex screens to ensure protection during our chef demonstrations enabling you to see and hear clearly without our chefs having to wear a mask.
- We have installed hands free taps to improve hygiene standards.
- We have installed hand sanitizing stations including one as you enter the building and there will be hand sanitizers positioned around the kitchen. Regular hand washing will be encouraged during your course.
- Our kitchen is cleaned to an extremely high standard and will be deep cleaned after each course. We will be regularly sanitizing all contact points including door handles within the kitchen and toilet facilities.
- When our chefs need to move around the group for hands on tuition, they will always wear gloves and a face mask/visor and our kitchen assistants and attending staff will all be wearing either face masks/face visors.
- You will not have to wear a mask when sitting watching our demonstrations or working at your own work station, but following recent changes in Government guidelines we would ask you to wear one when entering and leaving the building and when moving around our kitchen.
- Disposable gloves and face masks will always be available if required, or if you would prefer to bring your own face mask, then please do so.
- On arrival please try and enter alone, a member of staff will greet you and you will have a quick temperature scan. Please leave unnecessary bags/clothing in your car.
- You will have your own work station, hob and set of equipment. Couples/friends on cookery courses from the same household will have the option of working together.
- All ingredients will be pre-weighed for you and ready for you at your work station to stop contamination of packaging and reduce student movement around the kitchen.
- During the course all doors and windows will remain open, weather permitting, to ensure optimum ventilation.
- Remember social distancing where possible.
- If you feel unwell or are required to self-isolate prior to your course because of corona virus please contact us up to 24 hours prior to let us know, and when you are feeling better, you will be able to reschedule for another date within 12 months.

