

Pupil/Learner Driver Personal Declaration

Please read the following content and only accept each section if you fully understand and accept the risks of learning to drive during COVID-19.

As of 4th July 2020 the Government and DVSA have approved driving lessons to re-commence.

The Government has come up with 5 key points for businesses that can't work from home to enable them to return to work and manage the risk of the virus spreading.

This declaration should only be signed by you, the learner, if you accept the risks of learning to drive during the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you cannot wait until the pandemic has calmed down and you want to learn to drive then you are doing this at your own risk and your franchised self-employed driving instructor and driving school franchise are not responsible for your health.

Section 1: General Health Statement

- I agree to co-operate and adhere to the Government guidelines about social distancing and I will follow the latest COVID-19 prevention guidelines proposed by the UK Government.
- I agree to adhere to the COVID-19 risk assessment provided by the driving instructor to ensure the safest possible learning environment.
- I agree to inform my driving instructor immediately if I feel or show any symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms can be found on the [NHS website](#).
- I agree that, at the time of reading and signing this document, I am in good health and not showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms.
- I understand that within the back to work key points 1-5 listed by the Government, the required social distancing cannot be maintained, and I understand the Government have stated "where possible", as they are aware not all businesses can work successfully from home, with driving lessons being one of them. This means my risk of catching COVID-19 might be higher.

Section 2: Driving Lesson Conduct

- I understand and agree to check in with my instructor 24 hours before each driving lesson to confirm both my instructor and I are in good health.
- I understand that should either my instructor or I develop or show any symptoms before, after or during any lesson, then the driving lesson should be cancelled or aborted immediately.
- I understand that the window should be lowered to allow ventilation and fresh air in the car, regardless of the weather. In the event of cold weather, I may need to wear extra layers to ensure I stay warm and not compromise the fresh air flow.

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- I will ensure my hands are washed with soap and water before each lesson.
- I will avoid any physical contact with the instructor, including shaking hands or touching teaching aids such as lesson planners or interactive devices (iPad, mobile phone etc.).
- I understand my instructor will refrain from talking directly towards me. The safest position is side-by-side and not facing each other's face.
- I understand feedback for each lesson won't be provided in paper and pen format. However, I can expect feedback through other means, including verbal feedback, email, text or other messaging platforms.
- If any physical contact is made, then the instructor and I may decide/ask if hand-sanitiser/anti-bacterial wipes are available, required or can be used.
- Both the instructor and I am entitled to stop the lesson for short periods of time to open the doors, get out of the vehicle and increase fresh air and in-car ventilation.
- The instructor will wear the recommended person protective equipment (PPE) as advised by the Franchise and Government.
- I agree to wear a face covering during my driving lessons and may be offered a washable face screen by my instructor.
- The instructor will follow the DVSA/Government guidance as much as possible.
- If my instructor or I show any symptoms of COVID-19 illness during a lesson, the lesson should be aborted, and I will be driven back to my pick-up location. If 50% of the lesson duration has been exceeded and the lesson needs to be cancelled due to COVID-19, then the lesson will be charged in full. If the lesson has been cancelled and less than 50% has been conducted, the instructor is entitled to charge for 50% of the lesson.
- The handling of physical money (cash, coins) should be avoided where possible. The instructor should advise me where to transfer money at least 24 hours before a lesson starts. If I am uncomfortable with this, then I can choose to pay the Driving School Franchise and the money will then be passed onto the driving instructor once the lesson(s) have been completed. If I really need to pay with cash, the instructor has the right to decline the lesson and I may have to seek an alternative instructor. If the instructor has a card terminal in the car, this can also be used.
- The instructor must acknowledge payments I make and keep a digital record for both them and I. The instructor may also want to keep their own record by paper or diary, but I must have a digital version. We suggest that a message via WhatsApp or text message is the easiest, quickest and most convenient way to keep a record of payments.

Accept and Sign

I confirm I am in good health and that I have read the above terms for driving lessons during the COVID-19 pandemic, understand them fully and agree to them. I have chosen to commence my driving lessons as I believe my reasons to wait until the virus has calmed down and the lockdown restrictions are completely lifted are essential and valid.

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I have completed a risk assessment and agree to do a risk assessment before commencing each lesson to ensure both the instructor's and my own health and safety are protected to the best of our knowledge and ability. I confirm I am over 18-years-old (anyone aged 17 will require a parent or guardian to read the terms and consent to them) and the decision to learn to drive is my own.

I (the pupil) am under 18 years of age ☐	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian relationship to pupil	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Pupil Signature	
Date Signed	DD/MM/YYYY