

What the Pupil should expect



Licence Check

We will check that your licence is still in date and valid. This will be done via the Licence check www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence

Please obtain a check code and forward it to jon@tophamdrive.co.uk

Eyesight Test

All pupils will be asked to read a number plate at 20.5m with or without eyesight correction

Driving lessons

Before every lesson, your instructor will Message you via Total Drive App/ Text Message or Telephone Call to check if:

1. You have any symptoms of coronavirus such as a cough or a high temperature – find out more here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms-and-what-to-do
2. You know, or have been in contact with, anyone that is showing symptoms
3. You, or anyone they have been in contact with, have travelled from a high-risk region

It is important that you answer these questions honestly as you do not want to put the instructor or any of their other pupils at risk. This will also avoid the lesson being cancelled halfway through if the instructor decides you are not well enough, which may have financial implications to you.

Topham Drive request that you wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds, in line with government guidance, immediately before leaving the house.

- There will be no handshakes
- We will try and keep the windows open and advise you to wear appropriate clothing.
- The car will be sanitised before you get in.
- Do not wear open-toed shoes.
- You will need to avoid using cash as this can spread the virus. Use other methods of payment such as a bank transfer, for example, but discuss this with your Instructor.
- The instructor will only leave to collect you for the lesson once they are happy with your responses to the above questions.
- Once the instructor arrives at the pickup point, they will again assess whether you are well enough to start the lesson.
- We will not let you get into the car straight away

- From a distance (min 2m) we will have a conversation with you to assess whether you seem yourself or have a cough that you did not notice on the phone call, or look like you may have a high temperature
- We may ask you to place any outerwear such as your jacket/jumper/bag inside a plastic bag in the boot to help reduce the spread the risk of infection.

Again, if we are not 100% happy with your state of health or demeanour, you will not start the lesson and we will explain that the lesson will have to be postponed until you have recovered.

We will also advise that:

- Any writing should be done by the individual – not share a pen or device where possible.
- Training resources should be held up and not passed between the us.
- We will avoid directly facing each other when discussing scenarios.
- If we provide a demonstration drive, we will wipe down the controls before and after.
- The windows will be open to some degree for ventilation, even in wet weather. In hot temperatures, the air conditioning may not be used.
- Discussions during the lesson WILL be held outside of the car.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Face Masks - The wearing of face masks will be compulsory for all my pupils unless they have a proven medical reason for not wearing a face mask.
- We will supply all pupils a washable cotton face mask which will be sealed in a bag and given to the pupil Free of charge.
- Filters will be available to purchase if required.
- The pupil will keep and must wash the face mask between lessons and if lost or damaged a replacement can be purchased at cost price of £4.00 per mask.
- The face mask supplied must only be used for driving lessons and the wearing of them outside of training session is prohibited.
- Pupils may bring their own face mask.
- Failing to bring a face mask will result in the lesson being cancelled.
- If a pupil fails to bring a facemask then the lesson fee is still chargeable.
- If the pupil has been supplied with a face mask from Topham Drive and the pupil fails to bring their face mask and refuses to purchase another facemask then the lesson will be cancelled, and the lesson fee is still charged.
- Gloves - I will not be wearing gloves because I believe we are not in a health care environment and wearing gloves will not protect you or I any more than using hand gel, but again if you would like to that is absolutely fine with me. (I will not be supplying gloves)

- Hand Washing - Every pupil must hand wash before their lesson in accordance with the NHS advice <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>
- Hand Sanitiser - I will always have hand sanitizers in the car. I will invite each pupil to use it before they get in the car and when they leave and in between when needed.

Plastic shields must not be worn due to injury that could be caused if an airbag were to detonate. For these reasons, the Dept for Health have advised to look ahead when in conversation and not look at each other.

After the lesson:

Once the session is finished dispose of any gloves safely and wash your hands thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds. It may be advisable for you to change all your clothes on return to home and wash them to help protect your household.

Your Practical Driving Test

Your instructor will explain to you the processes that will be in place post lockdown, but it is likely that there will be some changes as to how the driving test will be conducted. It is highly likely that your instructor may not be allowed to accompany you on the test and may also not be allowed near the vehicle at the time of the debrief at the end of the test. A strict hand washing regime is likely to be in place at all test centres. The contents of the test in terms of manoeuvres etc has not changed.