HEALTH, HYGIENE & SAFETY POLICY

Paintinity is committed to delivering professional, fun, and creative face painting while maintaining the highest standards of safety, cleanliness, and product hygiene. This policy outlines our operational standards to ensure the health and well-being of all clients, guests, and event attendees.

1. Product Standards & UK Regulatory Compliance

- **Cosmetic Grade Materials:** We exclusively use professional, cosmetic-grade water-based paints that comply with **UK Cosmetic Regulations (Product Safety and Metrology Regulations)** and EU standards. Approved brands include *TAG, Fusion Body Art, Global Colours, Superstar,* and *Snazaroo*.
- **Safe Cosmetics:** All paints are non-toxic, hypoallergenic, and specifically formulated for safe use on delicate skin.
- **Cosmetic Glitter Only:** We strictly use ultra-fine, cosmetic-grade polyester glitters (size 0.008 or smaller). Craft glitters, glass-based glitters, or craft acrylic paints are **never** used.
- **Removal:** All face paints can be easily removed using mild baby shampoo or soap, warm water, and a soft flannel. Some strong pigments may temporarily tint the skin slightly; this is harmless and fades naturally within 24 hours.

2. Hygiene Protocols & Equipment Sanitation

To prevent cross-contamination and ensure maximum cleanliness:

- **One Sponge Per Child:** A clean, fresh sponge is used for every single person painted. Used sponges are stored separately in a designated bag and thoroughly washed with anti-bacterial soap and sanitized at high temperatures after each event.
- **Clean Water & Brushes:** Water wells are refreshed regularly throughout bookings. Brushes are rinsed thoroughly and treated with brush sanitizer during sessions.
- **Hand & Station Hygiene:** The artist maintains high standards of personal hygiene, utilizing hand sanitizer between every guest. The workstation, table, and chairs are disinfected before and after each event.

3. Skin Health & Medical Refusals

For the safety of all attendees, the artist reserves the right to refuse painting under the following conditions:

- **Skin Conditions & Infections:** We cannot paint anyone showing visible signs of contagious skin conditions, including (but not limited to) cold sores, open wounds, active eczema or psoriasis flares, conjunctivitis, impetigo, ringworm, or severe rashes.
- **Illness:** Anyone who appears visibly unwell with a fever, severe cough, flu-like symptoms, or runny nose will not be painted.
- **Sensitivities & Patch Tests:** If a child or adult has sensitive skin or known allergies, a free patch test can be applied to the inner wrist or forearm. If no reaction occurs after 30 minutes, painting may proceed at the parent's discretion.

4. Age Guidelines & Consent

- **Under 3s Policy:** In accordance with industry best practices, face painting is recommended for children aged **3 years and over.** For children under 3, a small motif on the hand or arm may be offered, subject to artist discretion and direct parental consent.
- **Parental Choice:** We never paint a child against their will. If a child expresses distress, hesitates, or refuses to sit in the chair, we will gently decline to paint them.

5. Child Welfare & Event Safety

- **Supervision:** The artist is responsible for applying face paint safely, **not** for child supervision. Parents, guardians, or event organizers must supervise children at all times.
- **DBS & Insurance:** Paintinity holds Public Liability Insurance (£5M coverage) and a Basic DBS check. Proof of insurance and safety data sheets (SDS) are available upon request for event organizers and venues.

Policy Summary Table

Area	Policy Standard
Products	UK/EU cosmetics-compliant, water-based, hypoallergenic
Sponges	1 fresh sponge per child (zero reuse on-site)
Age Limit	Recommended 3+ years
Removal	Warm water, soap / baby shampoo, and soft cloth
Insurance	£1,000,000 Public Liability Insurance