

Brunswick Guidance for Worship and Positive Steps during the Manchester Increased Restrictions

Introduction

This guidance document is based on the current UK Government and Church of England guidance documents:

- Diocese of Manchester Coronavirus Guidance for Churches updated 31st July 2020
- GOV.UK North of England Local Restrictions updated 1st August 2020

General Guidelines

- People should not meet together socially with people they do not live with (or are not in a support bubble with) indoors or in a private garden.
- Provided that the building remains Covid Secure:
 - Meeting with people for the purpose of work is permitted
 - Worship is permitted
 - Food service is permitted
 - Individuals or households using the building is permitted
- People should not share a vehicle with those who are not in their household or social bubble.

The guidance contained in this document is designed with these principals in mind and should be read in conjunction with other Covid-19 guidance and risk assessments.

Social Groups

- Groups may not meet socially indoors at all during the current increased restrictions.
- This includes, but is not limited to, informal social meetings, Book Club, Women's Footprints, over 50's Group, M13 Youth Groups, Fellowship Groups and Just Life drop in.
- Groups may use the car park to meet outside provided that:
 - Social distancing is maintained
 - There are no more than 6 people of different households (more people are permitted to meet if those people are only from 2 different households)

Computer or Internet Access

- People are permitted to come into the building to use the internet or to access computer equipment provided that they do not interact with anyone socially who is outside of their household or support bubble.
- They must follow all social distancing and hygiene measures (including face coverings unless exempt from 8th August).

Use of the Building by Staff Members and Volunteers

- Use of the building for the purpose of work is permitted. This includes:
 - Meetings (where these cannot be held virtually)
 - Maintenance
 - Leading or preparing worship
 - Cleaning
 - Work related to food service (either cafe or takeaway)
 - Set up for external hirers
 - Live streaming, recording video or audio content or hosting Zoom groups.
 - Conducting baptisms, weddings or funerals
- Those working in the building should follow strict social distancing, maximum occupancy and all hygiene measures.
- Face coverings are mandatory from 8th August (unless individuals are exempt) and strongly encouraged in any circumstances indicated by the risk assessment prior to 8th August.
- We are currently awaiting further guidance on face coverings for the food service from 8th August (currently those serving or cooking food do not need to wear a face covering).

Minibus hire

- Internal use of the minibus is restricted to single households or social bubbles and should be cleaned between uses.
- External hire of the minibus is permitted but the hirer is expected to make their own risk assessment and follow the government guidelines (these can be found in the GOV.UK North of England Local Restrictions document). They must clean the minibus after use.

Food Provision

- Food provision can continue both seated in cafe style and as a takeaway provided that social distancing measures and all Covid guidelines are observed.
- People from different households (unless part of a support bubble) cannot socialise with each other when eating inside the building or coming in to collect food.

Hiring the Building

- Social groups may not hire the building at this time.
- The building may be hired for meetings (where those meetings cannot happen virtually) but strict social distancing, maximum occupancy and hygiene measures should be observed (including face coverings unless exempt from 8th August).

- Exercise groups may still go ahead provided that there is no social element to the group and strict social distancing, maximum occupancy and hygiene measures are observed.
- Meetings for the purpose of education such as ESOL or a training event may go ahead provided that strict social distancing, maximum occupancy and hygiene measures are observed (including face coverings unless exempt from 8th August).
- Meetings for the purpose of worship may go ahead where worship conforms to the government and Church of England Covid-19 guidelines for public worship and where strict social distancing, maximum occupancy and hygiene measures are observed (including face coverings unless exempt from 8th August).