



Advice to Hirers of the Church Hall in Respect of Covid-19 Precautions

Most Government regulations were removed as of 19th July 2021. However, we are still living with coronavirus and individuals are asked "to make informed decisions and act carefully and proportionally to manage risk to themselves and others". While legal restrictions will no longer apply, Government guidance will continue to be issued. Some may be pleased to see an end to restrictions, but many will still feel uneasy and concerned for their own well-being.

Regulation has been replaced by personal responsibility for yourself and those attending your event.

NHS TEST & TRACE:

Test and Trace will be retained, and continued display of QR codes will be advised. Whilst it cannot be enforced, those attending should be asked to make use of this.

NUMBERS:

We already have a limit on the capacity for the hall (a maximum of **100** or **25** if only the Meeting Room hired.) However we would ask that you consider what number is appropriate for the type of event you are holding. Keep to a level which feels appropriate for various types of larger event, bearing in mind for example if it's an audience seated for a performance (less risky), a wedding reception with people dancing and singing (more risky) and whether provision can be made for the more vulnerable and non-double vaccinated.

HEALTH:

Advise anyone thinking of attending to stay at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses onto friends, family, colleagues, and others in the community.

Individuals attending should consider risk factors, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status, that may make them more vulnerable when mixing in enclosed and crowded spaces.

Encourage the covering of nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.

VENTILATION:

As far as possible keep windows and external doors open to maintain a flow of fresh air. Letting fresh air into indoor spaces can help remove air that contains virus particles and prevent the spread of coronavirus.

HYGIENE:

The regular washing of hands with soap and water remains important. With a basin in each of the two toilets, and another in the kitchen this should be no problem. However you may wish to consider providing hand sanitiser gel as another means for those attending to maintain good hygiene.

If using the kitchen cleaning of the work surfaces before and after use should be carried out, and potentially during use if appropriate.

It may be preferable that persons ask for what they require, and are served accordingly. Allowing them to help themselves to cake, biscuits etc, should be avoided.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

It will be appropriate at some activities or events that measures (including wearing face masks and social distancing) are taken so that people who are clinically more vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated can attend. It may be appropriate to consider the provision of a clearly defined area where social distancing can be achieved for those that wish this.

FACE COVERINGS:

There will be those who will be more comfortable wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces with other people nearby. They should not be made to feel that they should remove this just because others have chosen to do so. As indicated above it may be appropriate that for some activities and events those who attend are asked to wear a face covering.

If using the kitchen consider advising those serving to wear masks. This has a hygiene benefit, over and above any covid precaution. Consideration can also be given as to whether suitable gloves should also be worn.