



The Abbeyfield Ripon and District Society Ltd

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Friday 31st July 2020

Dear Resident,

Pausing of Shielding Restrictions from Saturday 1st August 2020

Government advice is changing from 1st August. Fortunately, we have managed so far to avoid the worst consequences of the Covid-19 virus and we sincerely hope that this continues to be the case.

Trustees have endorsed a cautious approach in our response to the pausing of the shielding restrictions to broadly follow what is happening in local communities.

The following summary shows the areas that will be changed from the 1st August

Residents leaving the premises

1. All restrictions are lifted and you can enjoy the same freedoms as the rest of society. There is no need to isolate on return. Please be responsible and vigilant when you go out for the safety of yourself, other residents and staff.
2. Social distancing rules should be observed when you are out and about. 2 metres from others, 1 metre if wearing a face covering.
3. You are encouraged to take with you or wear face coverings when you leave the premises. Please note it is now compulsory to wear face coverings on all public transport and in all shops.
4. You must wash your hands in the cloakroom next to the entrance as soon as you return. If that is occupied, hand sanitiser will be available to use.

Relatives visiting

1. A maximum of 2 visitors can visit you at any one time.
2. Visitors must arrange with the office to come by appointment. A member of staff will allow them entry into the building and direct them to your flat. We are a small house and need to ensure that we can keep everybody socially distanced.
3. Visiting can only happen in your own flat – not in communal areas.
4. Visiting times will initially be limited to between 10am to 4pm. There are no exceptions
5. All visitors must be symptom free and must leave their contact details for Test & Trace purposes, you will be given a form for this purpose on entering.

6. Visitors must wash their hands thoroughly in the cloakroom next to the entrance on entering the building and must wear face coverings until they get to the room of the resident they are visiting.
7. Visitors must take care to ensure that they wear face coverings and keep socially distanced when leaving the building.

Garden visits can continue, please enter by the garden gate which will be unlocked between 10am and 4pm each day. Please also observe social distancing from residents and visitors not in your social group. Hand sanitiser will be available for you to use as will wipes for garden furniture. Please put used wipes in the bin provided.

We have already been able to arrange visits from the hairdresser and chiropodist. These will continue with the appropriate PPE being worn. A Covid-19 health check to confirm absence of symptoms (new cough, loss of taste or smell or a fever) will be done at each visit. This will include a temperature check.

Whilst able to go out to visit friends and relatives, please remember that there are still restrictions on how many people may meet up together. I attach the latest government guidance regarding this.

This is a significant step for us all as we edge our way towards some form of normality. It is important to acknowledge that there is an increased risk as a result of safety measures being removed. We will keep a close eye on the local infection rate and will not hesitate to re-impose safety measures if we are advised to or feel there is an imminent and significant risk to residents and staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

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