



The Abbeyfield Ripon and District Society Ltd

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15th December update on visiting residents at Abbeyfield Ripon

Dear Residents, Relatives and Friends,

Omicron cases are rising and we ask everyone to continue to take precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

Visits continue to be allowed under the following conditions:

- **No more than 2 visitors inside/ 4 outside in the garden at a time**
- **All visitors have a negative Rapid Lateral Flow test just before they visit.**
- **The screening forms in the porch are completed by each visitor**
- **Visits are in a resident's room, not in communal areas**
- **Facemasks are worn going through communal (preferably all) areas at all times**
- **Visits are limited to an hour at most**
- **Windows are opened regularly to ensure good ventilation**

Thank you for all you have done so far. With the extremely rapid spread of omicron and the fact that even 3 vaccinations do not provide a completely safe level of immunity, we ask that all visitors and residents exercise extra vigilance and caution. We may have to change our advice at short notice depending on government guidelines.

We understand that family and friends will be keen to take residents out to their own homes and to other venues. Please assess the risks carefully before doing so and check the screening form questions for everybody in your group.

Please see overleaf for guidance re children.

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As Secondary school aged children are used to doing lateral flow tests at school we ask that they too have a negative test before visiting their relative. We urge caution and remind families that the variant is spreading quickly within Primary schools at present so therefore think seriously before mixing an Abbeyfield resident with younger children.

Again, thank you to everyone for all that you are doing to keep residents and staff safe.

Kind regards,

Helen Jarosz