



The Abbeyfield Ripon and District Society Ltd

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Abbeyfield (Ripon & District) Society Ltd,

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19th July update on visiting residents at Abbeyfield Ripon

Dear Residents, Relatives and Friends,

From today the Government's lockdown restrictions are eased completely. However, the pandemic is still with us. Even though you and your loved one may have had both vaccines, it is still very important to follow precautions to help keep everyone safe.

Ripon Abbeyfield is a small house, we have to balance the risks associated with communal living arrangements where facilities are shared with the need for all to enjoy the companionship of family and friends.

Whilst restrictions on numbers of people gathering together no longer exist we are aware of our continued responsibility to try to protect residents, staff and their families.

We are

- asking all staff and visitors to continue wearing masks in communal areas
- continuing with extra cleaning precautions of frequently touched areas
- continuing with daily temperature checks of residents and staff

Trustees have agreed that indoor visits can be allowed for up to 4 visitors at a time under the following conditions:

- Visits are in a resident's room, please avoid lingering in any communal areas.
- Masks should be worn in communal areas at all times.
- Please complete a screening form.
- Please ensure there is good ventilation.

Appointments no longer need to be made through the staff to visit indoors, please visit responsibly.

Garden visits continue as at present.

We understand that family and friends will be keen to take residents out to their own homes and to other venues. Please consider the risks carefully before doing so and check the screening form questions for everybody in your group, we have all done so well and need to keep vigilant in order to keep everyone safe.

Lateral flow tests are freely available and we encourage you all to use them to check you and others in your group are virus free before any contact with our residents and staff.

Vaccinations and testing do not completely remove all risks so please observe social distancing, continue to practice good hand hygiene and wear facemasks while in and around the property.

Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within Abbeyfield Ripon, all but essential visits will stop until further advice is given from the local health protection team.

We have our QR code displayed in our entrance and in the office window in the garden. Please sign in when you visit.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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