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Coronavirus Health & Safety Measures for Worship at Forest Fold Baptist Church

Current Government & FIEC Guidance for the safe use of Places of Worship has been incorporated.

- People **who have any symptoms** of Coronavirus or are feeling unwell in any way should stay at home.
- **The Social Distancing** of 1m+ is being strictly applied.
- Comprehensive **signage** is in place to help and guide access and circulation.
- A **Risk Assessment** is available to view on the website.
- **Seating** in the Chapel, and in the SS for overflow, is being restricted and managed with clear signage to ensure social distancing. Access to Chapel seating should be by means of the central aisle.
- **Temporary records** of those attending services are being kept to assist with the Government's 'Test and Trace' system. Attendees should take note of those they have had close contact with* in the event of symptoms being manifested within 48 hours of their visit to FF. (*ie. face to face contact at less than 1m or being within 2m for more than 15 mins.)
- The approximate **maximum Seating Capacity for services**, subject to size and mix of 'households' is estimated as follows;
 - Chapel – ground floor – 60 people
 - Gallery – out of use
 - Sunday School Hall – 20-25 people.
- **Households** and Household 'bubbles' are encouraged to sit together.
- **Hand Sanitisers** are positioned at the entrance and exit of the premises and by the Toilets.
- **Anti -bacterial soap** is available in the Toilets.
- **Stewards** will have been masked whilst setting up the premises before the Services.
- **Bibles, Hymn Books or Bulletins** will not be available for use. All information will be projected.
- **Books, paper, pens** and all possessions brought to the premises need to be taken home after the service.
- **The Kitchen** is closed and no food and drink will be available. People are encouraged to bring their own bottled water if necessary.

- **Singing** is not permitted but music and pre-recorded singing is in audio format.
- The premises are **well ventilated**, which is managed by the Stewards with the assistance of air quality monitoring equipment.
- The whole premises are being **cleaned** before/after all services including sanitising mist spray to all areas.
- People are encouraged to **arrive in good time** to services as access may take a little longer than usual.
- People are encouraged to **leave the building as directed** after the service and head straight home with no meeting up with others in the Car Park or grounds. **Access to toilets** have signage for social distancing. People are encouraged to try to avoid going to the Toilets during the Service.
- **Face coverings** are a Government requirement when inside the buildings for the safeguarding of all and to minimise the spread of the virus. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand-washing and sanitising.
- **The Car Park** is managed when necessary for ease of use.
- **People who are 'shielding'** should not attend the services. We are all encouraged by the Government to stay at home as much as possible but all are, of course, very welcome to the services at their own discretion. Those who are normally collected for the services unfortunately will not be able to attend for the time being in accordance with the Government Guidance.
- **Live streaming** of the Services as announced will continue for all those who may be in their homes.

Of course all our thoughts, plans and provisions are subject to the will of our gracious God.