

## **Safety Measures for Outdoor Meeting for Worship 30/08/2020**

Our first face-to-face Meeting for Worship since the beginning of lockdown is something we've been looking forward to for a long time. We've had to put some safety measures in place to carry this out. Some of this information may feel like common sense but must be shared to make sure the Meeting runs safely. Online Meetings will continue alongside in person Meetings.

Meeting for Worship will be 30 minutes long. There will be no Children's Meeting. Children are very welcome to attend and sit in Meeting with their parents/guardians. There will be no access to the Meeting House or toilets.

Everyone must follow the safety measures set out to keep others safe. The only changes allowed will be for accessibility & you should let Stewards know if & when they're needed. (eg the one-way system can be temporarily reversed to allow for step-free access)

Please be aware that it's likely some Friends will attend with a medical exemption to wearing face coverings.

Any updates to the Safety Measures will go out with the email digest & in notices.

### **Should I come?**

You should not come if you have:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of change to your sense of taste and/or smell
- You've been in contact with someone with Covid-19 within the last fortnight

If you show any of the above symptoms the Stewards will have to send you home. You should also self-isolate for 10 days, in keeping with current advice. Outside of these guidelines all Friends' decisions about whether they attend or not should be respected by the rest of the Meeting.

### **What to bring:**

- Your face covering (unless you are exempt)
- Water (There will be no access to the Meeting House. Please don't bring any other refreshments unless you need them due to a health condition)
- Weather appropriate items (umbrella, sunglasses – whatever common-sense calls for)
- Any books you use in Meeting (Quaker Faith & Practice and the Bible are online for free at these links: [qfp.quaker.org.uk/](http://qfp.quaker.org.uk/) [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com))
- A cushion if you'd like or something waterproof to sit on if it has been raining

### **On arrival:**

As you arrive, a Friend will welcome you, ask you to use hand sanitiser, & if you have had any symptoms of Covid-19 recently. Hand sanitiser **must** be used on the way in and out of Meeting.

Another Friend will explain Test & Trace: a voluntary scheme to slow the spread of Covid-19. Names given will be kept confidentially for 21 days then destroyed.

Your details will only be shared with the official Test & Trace scheme if you have agreed and a case of Covid-19 is linked to the Meeting.

Your Test & Trace options are as follows:

A. Agree to have your details shared with the official Service if a case of Covid-19 occurs

B. Agree to be contacted by the Meeting only, should a case occur, by being put down as only 'Friend' or 'Visitor'

Places will be marked out by chairs or pinwheels. You can opt to sit on a chair or the grass. If you wish to sit on a chair you may be given a plastic chair to carry to a spot yourself. A Steward will offer to help you with this. You will be told where to sit to avoid people coming within two metres of seated Friends. You must keep two metres from anyone outside of your household/support bubble.

### **During Meeting:**

Meeting will run as usual, but for a reduced length of 30 minutes.

The Elder will explain how they intend to finish the Meeting & point out the Emergency Friend at the start.

### **After Meeting:**

It's important that people don't clump together as they leave & keep to the two metres distance. Stewards will guide this process, as necessary.

There will be an opportunity to socialise after Meeting, if you wish. How we approach this safely without things feeling a little odd is going to be a case of trial & error.

For this Meeting we ask that you chat from your seats to limit problems with social distancing. Any feedback on this or other aspects of the MfW would be appreciated – please send them to the Clerking team at: [nottinghamquakerclerks@gmail.com](mailto:nottinghamquakerclerks@gmail.com)

Stewards will wipe down chairs etc. & stack by internal door.

### **Emergencies:**

One of the volunteer stewards will be the 'Emergency Friend'. If you feel ill or develop any Covid-19 symptoms while you're at Meeting, let them know. They will have full PPE & help you as needed.