



NEWSLETTER 24th NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – THE GOVERNMENT’S COVID-19 WINTER PLAN

On Monday 23rd November the Prime Minister set out details of the government’s Winter Plan for COVID-19, the strategy being guided by three objectives.

- Suppressing the spread of infection
- Finding new and more effective ways of managing the virus and enabling life to return closer to normal
- Minimising damage to the economy and society, jobs and livelihoods and ensuring education is safeguarded in nurseries, schools, colleges and universities

The plan describes how, over the coming months, the government will be able to rely less on economic and social restrictions and more on solutions provided by scientific progress and begins by covering aspects such as vaccination and community testing.

It then describes how the current national restrictions in England will be lifted on **2nd December** when the country will move back to a regional tiered approach, with some refinements to each tier, although the following will apply across all three tiers: -

- The stay at home requirement will end, with travel being permitted again subject to guidance in each tier.
- Shops, personal care (including hairdressing), gyms and the wider leisure sector will reopen.
- Collective worship, weddings and outdoor sports can resume.
- People will no longer be limited to seeing only one other person in outdoor public spaces - the rule of 6 will now apply outdoors as it did in the previous set of tiers

Details of which tier will apply to a particular region will not be announced until later this week but if West Sussex were to remain in **Tier 1: Medium Alert** (although this is far from certain at this stage and tiers will be reviewed regularly anyway) then the “rule of six” would again allow a maximum of six people to meet **indoors or outdoors**

As regards **Christmas**, the government says it *“recognises it is an important time of year for many people, all across the UK. Christmas will be different this year, but we will make sure people can see their loved ones and will allow some increased social contact for everyone over the Christmas period. We are agreeing a common approach with the Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Northern*

Ireland and Wales for a time-limited change to social restrictions over the Christmas period so that families can be reunited across the UK.”

Once details of the Tier arrangements and those for the Christmas period are made known – hopefully very shortly - we will issue a further Newsletter. In the meantime, we thought it would be useful to have a sight of the government’s summary version of the winter plan which can be found here: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-winter-plan/covid-19-winter-plan-summary>

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Best wishes

Bury Parish Council