

Supplementary Risk Assessment for Rivington Chapel, Rivington, Lancashire

This supplement is to cover the additional requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic whilst the Chapel is open for Sunday services and other religious purposes including rites of passage. This covers the government's COVID-19 guidance for Plan B.

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This is based on Government Guidance for Places of Worship updated 10 December 2021, the latest available at the time of creating this risk assessment.

Date of next assessment: when COVID-19 guidance changes.

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Inside the Chapel whilst open for Services		
Risk of transmission of COVID-19 by it being present on surfaces within the Chapel	All	<p>Low Risk:</p> <p>Hand sanitiser will be available on entry and exit from the Chapel.</p> <p>Surfaces that are touched regularly should be cleaned.</p>
Risk of transmission of COVID-19 from individuals who are suffering from, or carrying the virus	All	<p>Medium to High Risk:</p> <p>It is a legal requirement to wear a face covering whilst inside Chapel unless medically exempt. There are exceptions to this as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When leading the service or giving a reading etc. • It is permissible to remove a face covering whilst singing if you wish to do so. <p>The safety of others should be borne in mind if not wearing a face covering whilst leading a service, giving a reading or singing – i.e. try to avoid speaking or singing close to anyone who is not in your household.</p> <p>The following are recommendations which will help reduce the transmission of the virus if everyone follows them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not share a pew with anyone not in your household without first checking that the other person/household are happy for you to do so

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People should be encouraged to not stand in the doorways or in the aisles between the pews for any longer than necessary to enter/leave the building. <p>It is difficult to ventilate the Chapel when the main doors are closed, so following these recommendations should reduce the likelihood of transmission.</p> <p>Before the start of each service the congregation should be reminded of the COVID-19 measures in place – this can be done by placing ‘handouts’ in each pew.</p> <p>To ensure as much ventilation as possible, it would be best if both Chapel doors were opened before and after the services (although this may not be possible during colder weather).</p> <p>Although there is no legal requirement to collect contact details, the Government recommends that a QR code should be made available for anyone who wishes to use the NHS Track & Trace app. A system should also be in place to record the details of anyone who wishes to give them, but does not want to use the QR code. [see note 1]</p> <p>If refreshments are served after the service, these should only be consumed in the pews. Face coverings can be removed whilst eating and drinking but must still be worn whilst in the aisles and vestry.</p>

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Outside the Chapel whilst open for Services		
Risk of transmission of COVID-19 from individuals who are suffering from, or carrying the virus	All	Low: If the Tea Room has a one-way system in place, then this should be observed by those attending the Chapel for services.

Notes to the Supplementary Risk Assessment:

1. As most people at the services will be regular attenders, it will only be necessary to make a note of who is present. This can be done by the treasurer or other member of the committee. For any visitors, a QR Code has been generated for the Chapel, and this should be made available for people to 'check in' using the NHS Test & Trace App. Alternatively, the government have provided a template to collect the details from visitors to services and this should be used if necessary. Any data collected must be destroyed after 21 days to comply with GDPR. This is a recommendation and not a legal requirement