

## RISK ASSESSEMENT

### Covid-19 – Step 4

Event: Main church service

Date(s): 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 ongoing

Prepared by the Safeguarding Officers on behalf of the Trustees

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Following the relaxation of lockdown regulations on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and a discussion with the deacons, the following risk assessment has been put in place. (This is a legal requirement for Covid-19: Step 4).

Rachel will be responsible for risk assessments relating to Rock Bible Club and Vulnerable Adults.

Sarah will be responsible for risk assessments relating to Health and Safety.

We will revert to our standard risk assessments with the following addition:

### **BE SAFE; BE SENSIBLE: BE SENSITIVE.**

#### **BE SAFE:**

- Everyone to hand-sanitise before and after the service.
- The main worship area must be well ventilated throughout the service
- The congregation will sit in family groups, 1 meter apart during the service (as we have been doing over recent weeks).
- Children will join in the first part of the service and sit with their families.
- The children will leave for Rock Bible Club, class by class, through the door at the front of the worship area. Children must WALK and NOT RUN or PUSH as they go to Rock Bible Club –
- A steward will supervise children leaving the main worship area into the community wing. There is a steep step between the two areas.
- Parents must collect their children promptly from Rock Bible Club, leaving through the same door (be careful of the step) and leave the building through the door in Stockwell Street. Do not come back into the main worship area.
- All other attenders are to leave promptly through the main doors on to Mill Road.
- Please hold your conversations outside, as we have done previously.
- Cleaning will begin once everyone has left the building.
- Online booking is not required but a register will be kept of those attending the service.

#### **BE SENSIBLE:**

- Masks are optional. *'However, the government recommends that masks be worn in a crowded indoor place....'* GOV.UK: Covid-19: Guidance for the safe use of places of worship' 19/07/2021
- Singing indoors is now permitted. We will respect the choice of each person whether to wear a mask or not.
- We will continue to limit the use of shared resources during the service (Bibles etc)

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#### **BE SENSITIVE:**

- Be mindful and sensitive towards those who are clinically vulnerable or vulnerable due to age.
- Be mindful and sensitive towards those who are cautious and are building up confidence as we all readjust to coming out of lockdown.

This risk assessment will be reviewed in September 2021

Similar risk assessments have been completed for:

- Rock Bible Club
- Other meetings (Housegroups, Sunday afternoon teas, Ladies Bible Study, Men's Evenings)
- Diamonds
- Little Rockers