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Dear Sir or Madam,

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well during this unusual time. To assist in ensuring sites can remain open, we have put posters on all allotment entrance gates, reminding tenants of the current government guidelines - please continue to keep at least 2 metres away from other people - more is better! Remember the virus can be spread by contact from surfaces so if you touch something like a gate, padlock or tool touched by someone else, wash your hands with soap and water (even if cold) or use a proper hand sanitiser. We must all consider vulnerable families, friends and fellow plot-holders and ensure that we are abiding by the government guidelines during this time.

We have taken the decision to only permit one person on each plot to try and keep numbers down of people attending the allotments at any one time in order to reduce risk of spreading the Covid-19 infection. We know that there are some people that co-work their allotment plot with others that are not from the same household and it is not obvious to identify this. Therefore to make the situation as safe as possible the restriction of one person per plot was taken.

It was the government's decision to include allotments as part of the daily exercise, along with walking, running and cycling, but they also advised that this should be once per day and for a short period of time, no longer than 1 hour. This time should provide plenty of time to harvest or plant a few crops and no one should be out any longer than this when attending their plot.

Over the next few days the water will be turned on over all sites, but please ensure you are using the precautionary measures when using the taps and not monopolising the supply of water.

Sorry this may cause you inconvenience during these difficult times but I hope you can appreciate why these restrictions have been put in place. To not only safeguard yourselves but other users of the allotments sites along with council officers or contractors that may need to attend at any time.



Take care and keep safe

Yours sincerely

Allotments Team

