

From 17th May, many restrictions are eased—this is what it means for you

Up to 6 people (or two households if that is more than 6 people) can meet indoors and up to 30 people can meet outdoors. This means that, if you want to, you can accept visitors into your flat even if they are not in your 'Support Bubble' and that effectively any number of tenants can now meet outdoors.



All bars, cafes and restaurants can serve both indoors and outdoors (but you must follow various rules when doing so) and all types of accommodation can open. Overnight stays are now permitted in other people's homes, so you can go away to visit or stay with friends or relatives.

Individuals are expected to take responsibility for whether to maintain social distancing with friends and family, but the government urges caution, which we would echo. You can even hug friends and family, but you should consider the risks of any close contact – ask yourself have they been vaccinated? do they mix with lots of people? are you or they particularly vulnerable? You should always continue to maintain social distancing from anyone other than your friends or family.



Whenever you meet indoors, open a window—make sure that there is good ventilation.

At Gatesbiel, we are re-opening the Common Room and Craft Room, but we have to operate them like other indoor public spaces so they remain subject to restrictions — you should still observe social distancing in the communal areas of Gatesbiel. You should have received a calendar of events for May.



Continue to wash your hands regularly, use a face covering indoors (which remains obligatory in indoor public spaces, unless you have a medical reason not to) and maintain social distancing from anyone others than family and friends. We encourage all staff, tenants and visitors to take regular, rapid, 'Lateral Flow' tests. Let a member of staff know if you want more information or help

Outdoors remains safer than indoors - Take a test - Take care