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Changes to government guidelines

Following the changes to government guidance on coronavirus, there are a few things you can do now that you couldn't do before.



You CAN now:

- ✓ spend more time outdoors, including to have a picnic, sunbathe or exercise for longer
- ✓ meet one other person from a different household – staying 2 metres apart
- ✓ play sports outdoors, for example tennis, with your household or one other person
- ✓ travel for outdoor visits
- ✓ Visit a garden centre

You still CANNOT:

- ✗ visit friends and family in their homes
- ✗ gather publicly in groups of more than two (excluding your own household)
- ✗ visit a private or ticketed attraction
- ✗ leave your home to stay at another home for a holiday
- ✗ use playgrounds, outdoor gyms or indoor sports facilities

Brookvale community recreation work begins

Work to create an urban trail, upgrade open space and improve play areas in Brookvale has started, following fresh guidance from the UK Government.

Landscaping and work to create new parking spaces resumed at Lower Brook Street Pocket Park got underway this week. The work had started in March but was halted due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The next phase of the Brookvale Urban Trail project also started on Monday 18 May, with finger post signage installed along the route. The community project aims to improve walking routes to local schools and is for people of all ages to enjoy.

Next week (from Tuesday 26 May), work is due to start at three play areas based in Cordale Road, Culver Road and Goodman Close. New play equipment for children

of all ages and improved landscaping is planned at Goodman Close and Culver Road first, with Cordale Road to follow, over a period of up to 10 weeks.

The new play areas will be opened by the council as soon as possible following any change in government guidance. At the moment, all play areas remain closed. To ensure the safety of contractors and the public while COVID-19 remains a threat, the council will be making sure that strict social distancing guidelines are maintained at the construction sites at all times.

Some council-owned outdoor sports facilities to reopen

We have reopened some outdoor sports facilities where it is safe to do so, following the latest government guidance.

The outdoor tennis courts at Stratton Park in Basingstoke, the athletics track at Down Grange Sports Complex in Basingstoke and council multi-use games areas and some ball parks in the borough have reopened for people to use for exercise, as long as they follow social distancing guidance.

The outdoor tennis courts at Totally Tennis in War Memorial Park, Basingstoke, have also reopened and these courts can be booked on the Totally Tennis website. The rest of the Totally Tennis indoor facilities remain closed, including changing facilities and toilets.

The outdoor nine hole par-three golf course at Basingstoke Golf Centre, owned by the council and managed by Serco, reopened on Saturday 16 May with online booking and social distancing measures in place. The adventure golf and the driving range remain closed as do the club house, changing facilities and toilets.

Those using these facilities must keep a safe space of at least two metres from people not in their household. People should not use a facility if it is busy and social distancing guidance cannot be met.

For the latest coronavirus updates from the borough council:

- Webpage www.basingstoke.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Facebook [@BasingstokeGov](https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeGov)
- Twitter [@BasingstokeGov](https://twitter.com/BasingstokeGov)
- Resident news [*Basingstoke & Deane Today* online](#)

Community hubs network

- [Basingstoke Voluntary Action webpages](#)

Other useful links for advice and information

- [Government advice](#)
- [Health guidance](#)
- [Check your symptoms](#)
- [BBC](#)

If you do not have access to the internet and need specific advice or support, remember that the Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline can be contacted on 0333 370 4000 and is available seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm.