

## **St John's Wood Synagogue – Behavioural Agreement**

St John's Wood Synagogue is implementing a phased return to the physical services from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The phased return will require patience, resilience and considerable effort to ensure the environment is safe, at all times, during transition.

Good planning and management are fundamental to the success of the phased return and will require the participation from all congregants, including ensuring this policy is implemented.

In order to keep our members and staff safe we have set out a code of conduct which all members and staff will be required to adhere to whilst on site. St John's Wood Synagogue, the Rabbonim, health and safety monitors, Honorary Officers and staff reserve the right to change these policies without prior notice.

**Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in members being banned from attending shul until further notice.**

### **Prior to arrival:**

- Members should not attend services if they or a member of their household are displaying symptoms (including fever, cough, loss of smell or taste). Members will be required to self-isolate in accordance with Public Health England (PHE) guidelines and not return until they have completed their isolation period.
- Members should not attend services if they have been contacted by a "track and trace" service or have come into prolonged contact with a confirmed case of COVID 19.
- Members are encouraged not to take public transport to and from services or to travel with those outside their own household (unless in a designated support bubble)

All members will be required to register to attend physical services prior to their arrival. Space will be limited by social distancing, and member details will be stored in order to ascertain who has attended shul in case of an outbreak. Registration must be completed before 1:00PM Friday for Shabbat and Sunday services. During the week registration must be completed by 16:00 on the prior day.

**Attendance will not be permitted without registration.**

Registration will be via the St John's Wood Synagogue website ([LINK HERE](#))

**The Rabbonim, Honorary Officers, Health and Safety Monitors and staff of St John's Wood reserve the right to refuse attendance.**

### **Once at Shul:**

Although we will be recommencing physical services there will be a number of changes to what members are used to. One of the key areas to help reduce the risk and keep us all safe is to maintain social distancing of at least 2 metres at all times in accordance with United Synagogue guidance. In addition:

1. No children under 12 will be able to attend

2. Visitors will be required to wear a face mask or covering at all times
3. Entry will be through the main entrance gates only
4. There will be a one way system in place so visitors must follow the pathways, signs and instructions of the health and safety monitors
5. On arrival visitors will be "signed in" so please wait in a queue at least 2 metres apart
6. Visitors will not be able to sing during services, but can follow along in a quiet voice
7. Windows will be left open at all times for air circulation, so please ensure you have appropriate clothing
8. All coats and jackets will need to be taken to your seat and kept with you at all times
9. Sanitise your hands on arrival, sanitation stations will be located throughout the shul
10. Avoid all physical contact with members and objects including door handles, kissing mezuzahs and Torah
11. For services on Shabbat, visitors should enter the main Shul and move towards the back, using the next available seat in the block nearest to the Ark
12. There will be no possibility of changing seat or moving during the service
13. There will be no communal tallit available, so please bring your own should you wish. Exceptionally, tallit will be made available for those who will be called up for an honour
14. Men who have been told they will be called up will all sit in the centre rear block. When they go up to the Bimah, they must sanitise their hands at a near-by stand and stay as far away as possible from the officiant
15. Use the books which have been left on your seat and leave them there at the end of the service so they can be cleaned
16. There will be no water or drinks available
17. If you require use of the lift to exit the building, leave via the main doors
18. Visitors will be encouraged to use the toilets on arrival. Should you require use of the toilet during the service alert your neighbours to avoid contact. You will not be able to re-enter the service and will need to go home after you leave the toilet
19. If you feel unwell please inform a safety monitor who will help you
20. At the end of the service everyone will leave through the rear doors on either side of the Ark and exit into Loudon Road. Please be patient and wait your turn to move out. Keep social distancing at all times and follow the instructions from security. Move well away from the shul if you want to wait for your family members

### **Daily Services**

In addition to the above the following will apply to daily services (non-Shabbat services):

21. Visitors must announce their names to security upon entry
22. Visitors will only use the centre blocks and women's mehitza and enter and exit via main doors
23. Members may use their own books
24. The charity box will be open and on top of the bookcases facing the entry to the main shul. Members are asked not touch the box when making a donation
25. No charity collection during the weekday services by members or visitors