**SEDBURY EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**RETURNING TO CHURCH RISK ASSESSMENT**

The latest government guidance document at the time of this risk assessment can be found here-

hhtp://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-0f-worship-from-4-july

We, the Trustees -

* Aim to create an environment that makes it easy for people to adhere to the government guidance.
* Aim to create a culture where people behave in the new-normal way that adheres to the government guidance
* Lead by example
* Expect people to adhere to the principals

As government guidance changes this document will be updated

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| **SEDBURY EVANGELICAL CHURCH** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Risk Wedding Service**  **Persons at risk All attendees** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Risk rating before**  **Control measures** | Likelihood | 5 |  | | | **Risk Rating after**  **Control measures** | | Likelihood | 5 |
| Severity | 5 | Severity | 3 |
| Overall Risk | 35 | Overall risk | 21 |
| **Control Measures** | | | | **Control in place Y/N** | **Person Responsible** | | **Comments** | | |
| Numbers limited to 30 attendees including Bride, Groom , Bridal party and guests  Anyone ‘ working’, including officials are not included as part of the limit on those attending. | | | | Y | JS | | Bride and Groom advised and updated about government guidance and rules in place at time of wedding | | |
| Face coverings – are mandatory( unless exempt)  The Bride and Groom are exempt and those officiating/leading the wedding. This exemption does not apply to those observing the wedding and they should wear face coverings consistent with requirements for any other public space | | | | Y | Everyone | | Signage in Church re face masks  Face masks available | | |
| Apart from the Bride and Groom, who join hands as an essential part of the marriage ceremony, a physical distance of 2 metres should be observed between individuals as far as is possible. Please note that the minister does not have to touch the rings at the giving of the rings, nor do they have to touch the couples hands as part of a prayer or blessing. | | | | Y | JS | | Minister/ Elder/Celebrant to be given copy of risk assessment | | |
| Wedding rings – Where rings are touched by anyone other than the Bride and Groom alone, hands should be washed or sanitized before and after. The rings should be handled by as few people as possible | | | | Y | JS | | Bride and Groom made aware | | |
| During the service, those participating should not project their voices to minimise risk of droplet spread and the use of face coverings is encouraged | | | | Y | JS | |  | | |
| If the Bride is to be walked down the aisle it will be a personal choice. The government is encouraging people to exercise caution | | | | Y | JS | |  | | |
| Hand sanitizers must be available at the door for use when entering and exiting the building | | | | Y | JS | | Measures already in place for Church building | | |
| Signing the Register - All those signing the register should sanitize their hands before signing, complete all signatures necessary for them and sanitize their hands again. Apart from the Bride and Groom, all those signing should maintain physical distancing if practicable and where available, individual pens for each signatory can be used. | | | | Y | JS | |  | | |
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