

Level 3

Worship (in places of worship including grounds under jurisdiction of Kirk Session)

- Worship allowed with a maximum number determined by safe building capacity as physical distancing in building dictates, including use of balconies/ galleries. Baptisms are permitted as part of worship.

Funerals & Weddings

- 50 person limit for both funerals and weddings subject to physical distancing and building safe capacity limits
- Post-funeral gatherings and wedding receptions for up to 50 permitted

Live events (including outdoor worship) NB Indoor events DO NOT include Worship

- Outdoor or Indoor events are NOT permitted
- Drive in events are permitted

Singing

- Congregational singing should not be a part of a worship service (indoors or outdoors) with the exception of a solo singer where essential to the act of worship as per worship section of 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance.

Pastoral Care

- Pastoral Care Visits should only take place where they are deemed to be essential and if possible should be moved online. If visiting a person's home no other household can be present

Support Services

- Counselling, mutual aid groups, support groups, weight loss groups which are peer or professionally led can take place but should be online wherever possible.

Meetings & Groups

- Church Meetings (Kirk Session, Presbytery etc), the Guild and recreational or social groups (WRI, Camera Club etc) are not permitted to meet

Church Offices & Workplaces

- Church Offices are NOT permitted to open and working from home should be the default position.

Hospitality

- Church Cafés (Regulated) – On premises consumption and takeaway permitted but time restrictions may apply
- Informal Hospitality (Teas and coffees after services or during groups) & Coffee Mornings permitted following indoor socialising rules, currently 6/2

Socialising

- No socialising in private dwellings. 6 people from up to 2 households can socialise in a public place e.g hospitality.
- 6 people from up to 6 households can socialise outdoors.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings must be worn by all within a place of worship with relevant exemptions in place.

Travel & Transport

- Unrestricted travel to all level 3 areas. No travel to or from level 0 - 2 areas, or level 4 areas in Scotland unless for a permitted reason, such as work, education, shopping, health etc; outdoor exercise; weddings and funerals; and transit through restricted areas.
- Avoid car sharing with people outside extended household wherever possible.
- No 'lifts to church' or transport to appointment schemes should be in operation

Schools (& school chaplaincy)

- Schools open with enhanced protective measures, but school chaplains must follow Local Authority guidance on place of visitors and school chaplaincy.

Youthwork

- Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are permitted to run online or outdoors under youthwork guidance with limits on numbers.
- Formal youth work as defined in the 'Reshaping Church Life' Guidance (including Uniformed Organisations) can take place with limits on numbers.

Early learning and childcare (ELC) (formal childcare)

- Church nurseries, after school clubs, breakfast clubs (if regulated by Care Commission) can open with enhanced protective measures in place.

Unregulated Children's Activities

- Youth clubs, carer and toddler groups and similar can take place however differentiated restrictions are in place and should be checked before activity next meets at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-activities-for-children/>

Sport & Exercise Classes

- Indoor classes for under 18's only.
- Outdoors classes for all ages are permitted to take place with the exception of no outdoor contact sports for those 18 or over (with the exception of professional sport).

Visitor Attractions

- Churches which have, or are, visitor attractions may be able to open subject to government guidance