

# ***MELMERBY PARISH COUNCIL***

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This guidance is for the general public who are fit and well.

You must continue to stay home except for a limited set of reasons but - in line with scientific advice - can take part in more outdoor activities from Wednesday 13 May.

People and employers should stay safe in public spaces and workplaces by following “Covid-19 secure” guidelines. This should enable more people to go back to work, where they cannot work from home, and encourage more vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to go to school or childcare as already permitted.

If the evidence shows sufficient progress is not being made in controlling the virus, then the lifting of restrictions may have to be delayed. If, after lifting restrictions, the government sees a concerning rise in the infection rate, then it may have to re-impose some restrictions in as targeted a way as possible.

This guidance explains the measures that will help you to stay safe as we continue to respond to the challenges of coronavirus. Key parts of these measures are underpinned by [law](#), which sets out clearly what you must and must not do - every person in the country must continue to comply with this. The relevant authorities, including the police, have the powers to enforce the law - including through fines and dispersing gatherings.

From Wednesday 13 May, the government will also allow outdoor sports facilities - such as tennis and basketball courts, golf courses and bowling greens - to open, but you should only use these alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while keeping two metres apart at all times.

You can exercise outside as often as you wish and from Wednesday 13 May, you can also sit and rest outside - exercise or recreation can be alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while keeping two metres apart at all times.

From Wednesday 13 May, you may drive to outdoor publicly accessible open spaces irrespective of distance, but should follow social distancing guidance whilst you are there. **You should plan ahead to ensure that, where you are visiting places like National Parks, you have checked that they are open and appropriately prepared for visitors.** You should not go to ticketed outdoor leisure venues, where there is a higher risk of close contact and touching surfaces.

To ensure people are social distancing, the government has prohibited by law all public gatherings of more than two people.

All workers who cannot work from home should [travel to work](#) if their workplace is open.

From Wednesday 13 May, the government is introducing higher fines for those who do not comply, to reflect the increased risk to others of breaking the rules as we begin to ease the restrictions, and people return to work. Once these new limits are in place, if the police believe that you have broken the law – or if you refuse to follow their instructions enforcing the law – a police officer may issue you with a fixed penalty notice for £100 (reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days). If you have already received a fixed penalty notice, the amount will increase to £200 and double on each further repeat offence, up to a maximum of £3200. Until Wednesday 13 May, the fixed penalty notice is £60, reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days. If you have already received a fixed penalty notice, the amount will increase to £120 and double on each further repeat offence, up to a maximum of £960.

Clinically vulnerable advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if you do go out, take particular care to minimise contact with others outside your household.