

**Further to the government guidance of 4th July ....**

officials have responded to questions for clarification as follows:

*"As a result of that feedback the Minister thought it would be helpful to flag the changes that have now been made to the guidance – to clarify points or to provide further information in the following areas:*

- I. **Risk Assessment** - *we have been even clearer about the health and safety legislation and changed some of the wording to an 'assessment of risk' rather than risk assessment to give maximum clarity for your insurers etc.*
- II. **Test & Trace** - *we have now included an Annex which provides a template consent form for places of worship. We have also hyperlinked the recent, very detailed guidance from the NHS on Test & Trace*
- III. **Hyperlinks** - *we have put in the latest guidance from DfE on Out of Schools Settings and been clearer which DfE guidance applies to different user groups in the place of worship.*
- IV. **Social interaction** - *we have been asked to reinforce that worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending the Place of Worship with, i.e. if they are attending a communal service with one other household, wherever possible they should try not to engage in conversation with anyone outside of this group. We hope being clear on this will protect people and make any Test & Trace activity easier should anyone fall ill, given they should be more able to identify who they previously had any interaction with."*

John Stevens (FIEC National Director) [maintains a blog](#) in which he posts, and seeks to explain, each government update as it is published.

As a resource for churches, it is highly recommended.

If you have any specific questions, Matt Rees is our 'guidance man', feel free to [e-mail him](#) or call on 07884 186 965.

The links to both sets of Guidance remains as before:

[4th July guidance on re-opening](#)  
[guidance on marriages](#)