



SUMMARY REPORT FOR

RISK ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

COMPLETED IN RELATION TO

RISK ASSOCIATED WITH A RETURN

TO THE BUILDING

AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19

PANDEMIC

Issue	Date	Purpose
P01	15/08/20	Review by Risk Assessment Group
A01	18/08/20	Issue to Elders for Acceptance
C01	10/09/20	Final Report following Acceptance



INTRODUCTION

Following relaxation of the Lockdown restrictions places of worship are now permitted to meet subject to Welsh Government Guidelines ([Coronavirus: Guidance For Reopening Church Buildings](#)). Before opening up of the building it is required to complete a risk assessment for the proposed meetings and publish this on the MREC website.

A Risk Assessment Group comprising six church members was formed and tasked with completing the risk assessments. The group has now produced the risk assessments and this succinct report summarises the process and conclusions.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED

The following church meetings and activities were reviewed as part of the risk assessment exercise:

Sunday Services

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Tots & Co

Coffee Morning

Soul

Ladies' Meeting

Friends on Friday

Cool Kids Club

YP

Men's Breakfast

1939 Group

PROCESS

Responsibility for production of the preliminary risk assessment associated with each of the above meetings was shared out amongst the group members.

The person(s) responsible for completing a particular risk assessment engaged with those who lead the various meetings to discuss how the meeting operated prior to lockdown. A review of the opportunities and risks associated with resuming each meeting or activity was collaboratively undertaken including the feasibility of resumption. Following the discussions, a preliminary risk assessment was compiled utilising a pre-existing template that was modified to suit MREC.

The Risk Assessment Group met on Tuesday 11th August 2020 to review all the preliminary risk assessments and determine which meetings or activities could potentially resume.



RECOMMENDTION

Following completion of the risk assessments, the group concluded the following in relation to the viability of resuming the various activities:

Meeting / Activity	Resumption Feasible?
Sunday Service (Morning)	Y
Sunday Service (Evening)	N
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	N
Tots & Co	N
Coffee Morning	N
Soul	N
Ladies' Meeting	N
Friends on Friday	N
Cool Kids Club	N
YP	Y
Men's Breakfast	N
1939 Group	Y*

*= subject to completion and agreement of risk assessment

One of the overriding concerns was that we are asking those members / volunteers who fall into the 'at risk' group to consider not attending a Sunday service yet we would be needing them to attend other meetings / activities to allow these to run. Additionally, a large number of our activities are successful because they provide an environment where those attending can interact at close quarters. This is not feasible when social distancing is imposed.

The above is based on the guidance available at the time. As the guidance changes the opportunity to re-open other activities will be re-assessed. It is quite possible that if local or national lockdowns are re-imposed the meetings recommended for resumption may need to be closed down again.

CONCLUSION

The Risk Assessment Group recommend that the elders adopt their proposal that the following meetings are permitted to resume provided that the control measures stated in the risk assessments can be implemented:

Sunday Services

YP

The Risk Assessments for the above meetings are attached.

The Risk Assessment Group

18th August 2020

Report Recommendations Accepted by Elders

10th September 2020