



The Manor Fields Estate Limited

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Dear Residents and Leaseholders

As we write to you it appears probable that the lockdown must continue for at least a further three weeks, and the country is still a week away from the peak of the pandemic. Many of us have family and friends spread around the country whom we have not seen and this extension of the lockdown will be causing further anxiety and distress for so many.

However, it is clear that we need to continue to maintain the social distancing rules that the Government has outlined and this applies within Manor Fields as it does around the country.

USE OF THE GARDENS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

We are very fortunate to have the use of our private gardens, but as in the public parks, we have to observe the rules and take personal responsibility for doing so. Unfortunately we have been advised of several instances over the weekend where unhappily the following rules and guidelines were not being observed.

- NO ball games on the estate (other than children's soft ball games on the main lawn)
- NO socialising with anyone with whom you do not live (obviously we encourage everyone to be friendly but spending extended time "picnicking" with friends is not in the spirit of the government guidelines).
- NO sports - including racquet sports - to be played on the estate.

When walking around the estate, please maintain a minimum 2m distance from other residents and from open ground floor windows - there are often particularly vulnerable people inside who are anxious to remain isolated from any possible chance of infection. We would be grateful if parents could ensure that their children observe this.

We are a community of 200+ residences and as you will readily appreciate, our gardens can not safely accommodate us all to use them as our own personal space. We do understand how frustrating it is, especially for families with children, but in everyone's best interests we do ask for your forbearance and support in maintaining your distance and observing the government guidelines at all times.

HERB GARDEN

As many residents know, we are lucky enough to have a herb garden in the orchard area which is maintained for us all to use.

Over the weekend a child was witnessed walking on the raised herb beds whilst with an adult.

We are very happy that children enjoy the garden and learn about the myriad of plants. But please can adults ensure that the gardens and plants are treated with respect and children are not allowed to walk on the beds.

HAND SANITISERS

Spray bottles of hand sanitiser were recently placed in each stairwell for use by residents. Sadly three bottles have been reported as missing. If any resident is aware of the whereabouts of a missing bottle please could they put it back or return it to the office.

LITTER AROUND THE ESTATE

We are missing our gardeners for many reasons, including their daily tour of the estate, picking up litter which accumulates around the perimeter and within the grounds. We are grateful to those residents who are voluntarily taking on this task - and if anyone wants to put on rubber gloves and collect any random litter they spot, that would be a huge help in keeping the estate tidy.

UPDATES AND SUPPORT FROM WANDSWORTH COUNCIL

Wandsworth council have a number of initiatives in place to support residents in the borough. Their regular Covid 19 newsletters are sent out by email and if you are not signed up for this you can do so online. We have attached a link to the latest issue which includes information on financial support packages and help for the self employed.

<https://wandsworthmailings.org.uk/XWH-6TY5C-A8N7086Q4B/cr.aspx>

STAFF UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has enquired about Dawid's and Jo's health. We have passed on your good wishes to them both.

Dawid is thankfully feeling a little better and Heather is speaking to him every day. Jo continues to self isolate and have regular contact with her doctor who is monitoring her closely as she is extremely vulnerable to potential infection from the virus.

In the meantime Kenza is coping admirably with the rubbish collection across the estate and he is managing to clear each stairwell between two to three times per week. Wandsworth council continue to clear the compactor regularly and we are keeping on top of the estate's rubbish. Thank you to everyone for assisting with this by keeping personal rubbish to a minimum.

We hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and in good health.

With best wishes

The Directors