

BMSDC COVID-19 – KING EDMUND COUNCIL CHAMBER ENDEAVOUR HOUSE AFTER 19 JUNE 2021

Guidance for visitors to Endeavour House after 19 July 2021

On the 19 July Government legal requirements to wear face coverings and to socially distance in our social lives was lifted. However, in the workplace the onus to maintain safe working arrangements is the responsibility of the employer.

Government guidance is that there is a place for continued Covid-19 control measure when meeting with people who are ‘unknown’ to you.

In order to protect both our visitors and our staff if you wish to access Endeavour House, please follow these steps:

- Please carry out a lateral flow test beforehand. If this is positive, please self-isolate and do not continue with your visit.
- If you are unwell or have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please do not continue with your visit.
- Please sanitise or wash your hands before entering the building
- Please wear a face covering before you enter the building and whilst in the building – unless you are seated in a meeting and advised by our staff that this may be removed. If you have a health condition, which makes this uncomfortable for you, please advise our staff in advance of your visit.
- Please use the NHS Covid-19 App for track and trace purposes and use this to ‘check-in’ to our building using the QR code at the door.
- Please socially distance within our building.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (BMSDC) have a duty of care to ensure the office and the space used by Members of the Public, Councillors and Staff are COVID-19 Secure and safe. But each person is responsible for their own health and safety and that of those around them.

The BMSDC space within Endeavour House has been assessed and the level of occupancy which is compatible with the updated COVID-19 Secure guidelines reached, having regard to the requirements for social distancing and your health and safety. As a result, you will find the number of available seats available in the Council Chamber and meeting rooms much lower than previously.

You must only use seats marked for use and follow signs and instructions which are on display.

Arrival at Endeavour House (EH) and movement through the building

- Please observe social distancing
- Do not stop and have conversations in the walkways.
- There are restrictions in place to limit the occupancy of toilets and lifts to just one person at a time.
- Keep personal possessions and clothing away from other people.
- Do not share equipment including pens, staplers, etc.
- A seat is to be used by only one person per day.
- On arrival at the desk/seat you are going to work at you must use the wipes provided to sanitize the desk, the IT equipment, the arms of the chair before you use them.
- When you finish work repeat this wipe down before you leave.

Cleaning

- The Council Chamber and meeting rooms at Endeavour House have been deep cleaned.
- General office areas including kitchen and toilets will be cleaned daily.

Fire safety and building evacuation

- If the fire alarm sounds, exit the building in the usual way following instructions from the duty Fire Warden who will be the person wearing the appropriate fluorescent jacket
- Two metre distancing should be observed as much as possible, but may ways not be practical. Assemble and wait at muster points respecting social distancing while you do so.

First Aid

If you require first aid assistance call 01473 264444

Health and Hygiene

- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds especially after entering doors, using handrails, hot water dispensers, etc.
- If you cough or sneeze use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and dispose of safely in the bins outside the floor plate. If you develop a more persistent cough please go home and do not remain in the building.
- If you start to display symptoms you believe may be Covid 19 you must advise your manager, clear up your belongings, go home and follow normal rules of isolation and testing.
- Whilst in EH you are required to wear your face covering when inside (unless you have an exemption) in all parts of the building (including the access routes, communal areas, cloakroom facilities, etc.). The face covering can be removed when seated. Re-useable face coverings are available from the H&S Team if you require one.
- First Aiders – PPE has been added to first aid kits and should be used when administering any first aid.
- NHS COVID-19 App. You are encouraged to use the NHS C-19 App. To log your location and to monitor your potential contacts should track and trace be necessary.