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Dear All

I hope you and your families continue to enjoy good health. Here are a few pieces of information which I hope you will find useful.

Since the links are provided by NCC and the Norfolk Resilience Forum they are to be trusted and regularly updated. (Unfortunately some links have proved not to be so easy to access – if NCC links fail type in Norfolk County Council and the topics appear.)

NCC's free hazardous waste days:

Hempton appears as the most convenient site for our division and will be open as follows: **Hempton** : 9am-4pm 9, 10, 11 October. These free events are for residents with hazardous waste needing specialist disposal. The following types of products are accepted: paint, paint thinners, wood preserver, fertilizer, fungicides, pesticides, weed killer, thermometers, drain cleaners, oven cleaners and aerosols. Items such as asbestos, fireworks, explosives and gas canisters are not accepted. More information is available here: <https://www.norfolkrecycles.com/household-hazardous-waste-day-2020/> and if you have other waste to dispose of it is advisable not to use these sites at these times, as they may be busy.

Norfolk County Council: www.norfolk.gov.uk should lead you on to a range of specific sections which are well worth a visit. For instance, <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus/community-support-for-people-at-home/help-if-you-are-self-isolating>. Amongst the many pieces of information is an updated section on the impact of Covid-19 on NCC services – which affect all of us in many ways. (Please share this information where appropriate.)

Government Response: Latest government response is to be found on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> : includes lifting of restrictions – best read **very** regularly for whilst I could list what we are 'allowed' at the time of my typing this as you know will change – particularly regarding meeting with who, where, when etc.

Norfolk's Libraries: By the time you read this more libraries will have opened with the remaining sites to open in the coming weeks. Library users are required to wear a face covering in line with the latest Government guidance. Each library will have a one-way system to allow for social distancing and hand sanitiser available to use on the way in and out. Open library access remains unavailable and opening times have to be changed accordingly. Latest information can be found on the Norfolk County Council website <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update>. (Mobile Libraries are being prepared to meet Covid-19 regulations.)

Public Transport: Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council, tells us that: "Anyone experiencing one or more of the Coronavirus symptoms should not travel

but should self-isolate along with their household immediately and book a free test by calling 119 or visit [nhs.co.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus). Symptoms include a high temperature, continuous cough or change to or loss of sense of smell or taste. We all must work together to protect ourselves, protect others and protect Norfolk.” For information on public transport in Norfolk visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-transport/buses/bus-timetables-and-operators>

Face Coverings: The guidance on face coverings has been updated to reflect changes on when face coverings should be worn and information on those who are exempt. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

The Distance Aware initiative: The Distance Aware initiative has been recently endorsed by the Department of Health and Social Care. The initiative was set up to enable individuals and organisations to politely prompt ongoing distancing and respect of individual social space. Badge/poster templates are available to download from the site. <https://www.bevancommission.org/distance-aware>

Take care

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Barshams & Houghton St Giles, Binham with Cockthorpe, Blakeney, Brinton with Sharrington, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Glandford with Letheringsett, Great Snoring, Great & Little Walsingham, Hindringham, Holkham, Langham, Morston, Sculthorpe, Stiffkey, Stody with Hunworth, Thornage & Little Thornage, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton, Wiveton