

## Government Roadmap

The UK Government's four step roadmap out of lockdown in England is set out in:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/963491/COVID-19\\_Response\\_-\\_Spring\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963491/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021.pdf)

All dates are 'not before' targets and may be pushed back.

A summary of the implications of the roadmap for meeting indoors and outdoors is set out in the Appendix 1 below.

## Implications for Russell Society

### General

Maintain current social distancing measures (2m distance, hand cleanliness) until 21 June as a minimum. Council recommends following these measures for the whole of the 2021 collecting season as a precaution (given the average age and potential vulnerability of our members even after vaccination).

All dates given in the roadmap are provisional and may change. FTOs and indoor meeting organisers should monitor the dates and work to any new dates or any other changes to guidance.

For activities in Wales and Scotland FTOs and indoor meeting organisers should work to the relevant guidance in those regions.

### Indoor Meetings

#### ***08 March – 17 May***

Not permitted.

#### ***17 May - 21 June***

For simplicity, to avoid the need to put special measures in place for indoor meetings and to follow the spirit of HMG guidance on minimising indoor meeting, Council advises that indoor meetings should not be held during this period.

#### ***After 21 June***

No restrictions.

### Outdoor Meetings (field trips)

#### ***08 – 29 March***

Not permitted.

#### ***29 March – 12 April***

6 person limit (including FTO).

Recommendation to minimise travel. FTO and attendees should use their own judgement on this matter. Monitor whether HMG provides clearer guidance/ how local police forces interpret the roadmap.

***12 April – 17 May***

6 person limit (including FTO).

Recommendation to minimise travel. FTO and attendees should use their own judgement on this matter. Monitor whether HMG provides clearer guidance/ how local police forces interpret the roadmap.

***17 May – 21 June***

30 person limit (including FTO)

No restrictions on travel.

***After 21 June***

No restrictions.

## Appendix 1

A summary of UK Government guidance for England, that is relevant to our activities and with extracts taken from the Spring 2021 roadmap, is provided below.

### Step One A 08 March – 29 March

Stay at home.

Meet one other person outside.

No meeting indoors.

93. From 8 March, the Stay at Home restriction will continue but it will be amended so that people can leave home for recreation as well as exercise outdoors - with their own household, support or childcare bubble, or with one person from another household. Social distancing and other safe behaviours should be followed.

### Step One B 29 March – 12 April

Maximum of six people can meet outside (Rule of 6).

No meeting indoors.

100. People will be able to meet outside in groups up to a maximum of 6 people (the Rule of 6) or with one other household, though people from different households will still need to socially distance from each other. This will apply in all outdoor settings, including private gardens. Applying either limit provides greater flexibility, recognising the different situations faced by families and individuals; two households will be more helpful for families, while the Rule of 6 is likely to help people in different households to reunite outdoors, including those living alone or in shared accommodation. Those eligible to form a support bubble will still be able to do so, enabling close contact for many of those in most need of support, and will continue to be counted as part of the same household.
101. Guidance will set out how people can see others safely: the evidence is clear that this is safest to do in the open air, at a safe distance, while minimising the frequency of social gatherings and the numbers present wherever possible. It will remain critical - with most people still unprotected by vaccines - that people continue to follow the guidance, use common sense and socially distance from other households.

Stay at home restriction is removed but people should 'continue to minimise travel where possible'. The roadmap opens the door to travel out of the local area but appears to discourage it. More detailed guidance/ law may well be provided on this point in due course in response to the lack of clarity in the roadmap?

106. As a result of these changes, people will no longer be legally required to Stay at Home. Many of the lockdown restrictions, however, will remain in place. Unless an exemption already applies, it will not be possible to meet people from other households indoors and many business premises will remain shut. Guidance will set out that people should continue to work from home where they can. People should continue to minimise travel wherever possible, and should not be staying away from home overnight at this stage.

Maintain social distancing measures outdoors, including 2m distance and avoiding shared objects/touch.

- Though the airborne risk of COVID-19 transmission is much lower outdoors than inside, the risk of infection via larger droplets remains high if people engage in prolonged, face-to-face close contact with others.<sup>56</sup> Therefore, maintaining 2m distancing outdoors is still advisable. Outdoor surfaces may also still become contaminated with the virus, so it is also important to be mindful of what shared objects, e.g. playground surfaces and gate handles, are touched, and to maintain regular hand washing.

## Step Two 12 April – 17 May

Same as Step One B.

No change on 'minimising travel'.

Rule of 6 applies outdoors.

No meeting indoors.

## Step Three 17 May – 21 June

30 person limit on meeting outdoors, however, the size of outdoor meetings should be minimised where possible.

6 person limit on meeting indoors (although roadmap seeks to minimise gathering size or meet outdoors instead).

124. The Government will lift most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors, but gatherings of more than 30 people outdoors will remain illegal. Indoors, people will be able to meet socially in a group of 6, or with 1 other household, though it may be possible to go further than this at Step 3 depending on the data. People will be asked to follow guidance on how to meet safely, for example by minimising the size of gatherings and meeting outdoors where possible.

No restrictions or guidance on travel outside local area. i.e. travel to anywhere within the UK is permitted.

## Step Four 21 June Onwards

No restrictions on meeting size outdoors.

No restrictions on meeting size indoors.

No restrictions on travel