

Instructions from the Government following the COVID-19 outbreak have seen new operating procedures brought in at cemeteries and crematoriums to help reduce the risk of spreading the infection. At Bluebell Cemetery the following measures have been introduced. **Updated 17th August 2020**

Chapel Services

We have removed over half the chairs from our chapel so there is now a distance of two metres between each row. This is to comply with the social distancing guidelines; however, the chairs are currently in blocks of five to allow members of the same household to sit together.

The maximum number of mourners allowed is 30. From 8th August 2020 it was announced by Public Health England that face coverings must be worn by law in crematoria and burial ground chapels unless exempt for health, disability or other reasons. Face coverings are available in case anyone arrives without one.

Those who do attend will need to adhere to social distancing at all times.

Any individual displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or are part of a household with possible COVID-19 infection, should not attend.

The cemetery office should be notified at the time of booking if the deceased has been confirmed positive for COVID-19.

The curtains can remain open, but we ask that the mourners do not place flowers on or touch the coffin.

Webcasting facilities are available to allow services to be viewed live by up to 150 users at the same time. In addition, there is the option to view the service again for a further 28 days at no additional fee.

There is hand sanitiser available to mourners on entry to the chapel. The cleaning of communal areas, door handles and furniture takes place between each service.

Burial Services

Family and friends are now allowed to attend funerals, but the number of attendees is restricted to a maximum of 30 people for public health reasons.

Mourners will not be allowed to backfill the grave.

In anticipation of an increased demand for burial, we are to open a new lawn grave (headstone only) section ahead of schedule.

Direct Cremation

There are time slots available for unattended services at 9 am and 9.30 am.