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Colossians 1v15-20

Jesus is supreme and sufficient
because he is:

- **Ruler** (v15-17)
- **Risen** (v18)
- **Reconciler** (v19-20)

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Social Interaction/Gathering

- Meet indoors only with members your own household
- Meet indoors with max 6 people who have formed an 'extended' household (children under 11 & carers excluded)
- Meet outdoors with members extended household (up to 4 households) up to maximum of 30 people
- Attending a place of worship is exempt
- Can provide care for someone who needs it & visit on compassionate grounds

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Places of Worship

- 'Open places'
- No limits on attendance at services, weddings and funerals
- Up to 30 people can attend wake/gathering after a funeral or a wedding reception - but must be in regulated premises
- All reasonable efforts to maintain 2m social distance
- Singing and chanting should be avoided
- Only person can sing/chant behind plexiglass screen
- Face coverings must be worn unless is exemption
- Children under 11 exempt face coverings

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Places of Worship (cont)

- Couple can remove face coverings for vows, first kiss, first dance at wedding
- Are ministers required to wear face coverings/visors?
“We consider that those leading worship or a ceremony may have a reasonable excuse not to wear a face covering if they cannot effectively do so while wearing one, as long as they have taken other sufficient mitigations such as staying continually over 2 metres away from others and wearing a visor.”
- Baptism by immersion - only one, by self-immersion, baptistry to be drained
- Risk assessment
- Test and Trace - no need to keep details if 2m distance maintained – others 21 days

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Open Air Gatherings

- Maximum of 30 people can meet outdoors
- Supervised recreation for 30+ children (including summer camps)

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Youth & Children's Ministry

- Youth work guidance
- Child care guidance
- Community Facilities guidance
- No limit in numbers (used to be 8) but determined by size premises relative to children
- Schools and childcare settings are not public places so no requirement over 11s wear face coverings
- Social distancing of adults from children

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Local Restrictions

- Not to travel outside area without reasonable excuse
- Attending wedding/funeral is a reasonable excuse
- Attending place of worship is not a reasonable excuse
- Work from home unless it is not reasonably practicable

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