

# **First Omagh Presbyterian Church**

## **Sunday Service Guidance (Updated Sept 2021)**

**New social distancing guidelines now mean that we have seating available in every other pew rather than every third pew but we are still required to wear face coverings throughout the service unless exempted or participating at the front. Hand sanitation, track and trace and the one way system will continue to operate as usual. Seats will be allocated in church on a first come first served basis and an overflow will be available in the Rowan Hall should it be needed. Please do not come out to church if you are experiencing COVID 19 symptoms or been asked to self isolate.**

1. **Carparking is available as usual** but please keep a safe distance from others whom you meet.
2. **Entry to the church will be only from the doors which face the Dublin Road**; there will be safety markers to avoid close contact in the event of queuing being necessary; the disabled access ramp is situated at one of these doors. So that it is not necessary to touch handles, all doors will be open and come prepared.
3. On entering the building, **wall mounted hand sanitisers are available** for your use, but you may bring your own. Unfortunately, it is not appropriate for handshakes at any time and you are requested to not stand around but to proceed to your seat. A **one-way system** operates.
4. Seating is arranged for the recommended 1 metre apart. Please **fill up seats from the front to avoid unnecessary contact with others**. Stewards will show you to your seat. Those who live in the same household may sit in the same pew; individuals attending should occupy pews **only** where it is possible to sit at either end and maintain a safe distance. We regret that this arrangement means that you cannot choose your seat, but these measures are for the safety of everyone. **Seating will not be available on the gallery.**
5. Hymnbooks and Bibles have been removed from the pews while this situation lasts but you may bring your own copies if you wish but please retain these for your use only.
6. **Face coverings** are mandatory unless medically exempt.
7. **Toilets are available but may be used by only one person at a time.** The outer door of each toilet will be secured in an open position and have a notice stating 1 person only at a time. Soap, hand sanitisers and cleaning wipes will be available in each toilet area with advisory notices. There will be no air dryers in use.
8. **Offering plates** will be placed near each exit doorway.
9. **Exiting the church will be by the doors at the front:** ie beside the choir seats and on to the outer door nearest Omagh Academy and by the door at other side and on to the Rowan Hall door. Hand sanitisers for your safety are available at these exits. You are advised to return immediately to your vehicle and encouraged to maintain social distancing if talking to others outside.