

Dear members,

The current government advice is for people to avoid unnecessary travel and social contact. At this time the Club's policy, agreed by the committee, is to remain fully open to allow members to be responsible for their own decisions. Obviously this must be continuously reviewed as the situation changes and is dependent on our staff being willing and able to work.

We expect that the tendency will be for members and visitors to play the course but not enter the clubhouse. Some societies have already told us this.

If it does become necessary to close the kitchen and bar we plan to keep the rest of the clubhouse open. If the shop also has to close we expect to be able to open the main door daily to allow members access to the changing rooms. This would necessitate securing the doors to the bar from the inside.

Members should consider removing what they need from their lockers now as changes to advice or circumstances could require us to close the clubhouse completely at short notice.

We are planning for reduced income over the next few months, with necessary economies on regular spending and no discretionary spending that has not already been committed.

Some specific changes

- From tomorrow the greens staff will minimise contact with the clubhouse, they are essential to keeping the course open.
- The seniors will reschedule the April Seniors Open for later in the year.
- The AGM will not be held in the clubhouse. Instead we will obtain members' approval of the minutes, accounts and appointments by email.
- Postponement of the Captain's drive-in is under review.
- Matches – pending decisions by the leagues, these will be reviewed by each section/team. One seniors away match has already been called off.

We have a good team and are better placed than many to cope with the difficulties ahead.

We will of course keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

Kind regards

David Meredith, chairman, 17th March 2020