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Dear members, parents and carers

It was lovely to see most of you last week and to see our young people start to plan their time at Stepping Out. A couple of you asked about our Covid policy. We will be following the guidelines set out in the government document linked below:

<u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for care staff supporting adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

In short, this means following current safety guidelines including hand washing and sanitising and keeping the hall well ventilated. If members can tolerate wearing a mask we will encourage them to do so when entering public places such as shops, but we are aware that not all of our members can manage this and will support them to maintain social distancing from others.

Please do not send your son or daughter to Stepping Out if they have any symptoms associated with Covid-19. If they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive they no longer need to isolate if they have been double vaccinated; if they are unvaccinated then they will need to isolate at home for 10 days after the date of contact.

Let's hope for a healthy autumn and winter for all of us!

Best wishes

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