

Closure of, restrictions on, businesses

(9) A person who is responsible for a community centre or hall must ensure that the community centre or hall is closed except where it is used—

- (a) to provide essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (including the provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donation sessions or support in an emergency),
- (b) for the purposes of education or training,
- (c) for the purposes of **support groups**, or
- (d) for the purposes of—
 - (i) childcare provided by a person registered under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006, or
 - (ii) supervised activities for children

Exceptions in relation to gatherings

Exception 5: support groups

- (i) is of a support group,
- (ii) consists of no more than 15 persons, and
- (iii) takes place at premises other than a private dwelling, and
 - (b) it is reasonably necessary for members of the group to be physically present at the gathering.

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(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6), “support group” means a group or one to one support which is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution or a public body to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support to its members or those who attend its meetings, for **example** those providing support—

- (a) to victims of crime (including domestic abuse);
- (b) to those with, or recovering from, addictions (including alcohol, narcotics or other substance addictions) or addictive patterns of behaviour;
- (c) to new parents;
- (d) to those with, or caring for persons with, any long-term illness or terminal condition or who are vulnerable;
- (e) to those facing issues related to their sexuality or identity including those living as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;
- (f) to those who have suffered bereavement;
- (g) to vulnerable young people

Financial Support

- Will community buildings exclude themselves from financial support if they stay open to allow essential services, childcare for key workers?
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (LSRG)
- Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (Sector)
- Both will be awarded by local authorities

Permitted Activities

- Regulation 18 - closing the community centre/ village hall exceptions
- While there a Community Centre or Hall can only open as a public building for a small range of purposes, there are other uses to which the building can nonetheless be put.

Businesses Allowed to Stay Open

- Food retailers, including food markets, licensed shops selling alcohol, pharmacies and chemists, Newsagents, Post offices, dry cleaners, dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services, including services relating to mental health,
- Veterinary surgeons, storage and distribution facilities, including delivery drop off or
- collection points, for businesses in this list. Public toilets.

Performing Arts

- Professional dancers may continue to use dance studios. Consequently, a group of professional musicians may rehearse in a village or community hall, as it would form their business venue and would not be open as a Village or Community Hall at the time.
- Non-professional activity, such as amateur choirs and orchestra, cannot take place.

Libraries and IT Suites

- Libraries are permitted to remain open for similar purposes to that of a Village or Community Hall

Childcare Activities

- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1200/regulation/17/made>
- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1200/regulation/18/made>

Sport, Exercise, Playgrounds and Outdoor Gyms

- No exercise to be done indoors in groups
- Personal training can take place with someone from another household in an outdoor public space, while observing the existing risk assessment, social distancing, and hygiene guidance. A personal trainer cannot work with more than one person at a time, even if they are from the same household.”

Voluntary Activity, Training and Education

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#where-and-when-you-can-meet-in-larger-groups>

Restrictions on Leaving Home

- Regulation 5
- Regulation 6 - Exceptions

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1200/pdfs/uksi_20201200_en.pdf

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