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Easing restrictions in parks and open spaces in Enfield

The government's announcement about the easing of lockdown restrictions comes into effect today (13 May 2020).

Enfield Council acknowledges that some of the new guidance can be confusing and strongly advises residents to stay at home if at all possible despite the restrictions being eased.

There are now a limited number of things you can do that you couldn't do before.

These include meeting one other person from a different household outdoors, exercising as often as you wish and using some outdoor sports courts or facilities with members of your household or one other person while staying at least two metres apart.

Enfield Council is taking the following action in its parks and open spaces in response to the new guidelines from the government:

- Car parks in parks and open spaces are being reopened
- Tennis courts are being reintroduced for play
- Angling is being reintroduced at Grovelands Park, Trent Park and Forty Hall Park
- Park benches will be made available for use in accordance with social distancing rules
- Golf courses will be reorganised and opened in the near future, subject to safety measures being introduced. Further details and timings will be announced shortly

However, your health and wellbeing are Enfield Council's number one priority and you should continue to observe social distancing guidelines when you are outside your home, including ensuring you are two metres away from anyone outside your household. As a result, the following measures will remain in place:

- Social distancing banners will be retained and additional signage will be installed in car parks, in parks and tennis courts.
- Playgrounds, public toilets, outdoor gyms, multi-use gym areas, basketball and netball courts remain out of use

We urge everyone to continue to respect the social distancing guidelines that remain in place. We will not hesitate to revise arrangements if people are failing to observe these restrictions and putting the health and wellbeing of others at risk.

If you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home – this is critical to staying safe and saving lives.