

From 8th March, we are permitted to welcome Meath family members back into the Meath:

1. All visits will be arranged in advance with the unit staff.
2. All visits are to be recorded in communication book and must be written in the diary so that staff may read this in handover meetings prior to the visit.
3. Each resident will have one nominated visitor who can visit them in their bedroom.
4. The visitor will need to arrive 45 mins before the visit begins to undertake a Lateral Flow Test (LFT), carried out by a qualified member of staff (this may fall to the 'on-call' senior/ a senior on unit. If no seniors are working on the unit on a day of the visit, 'on-call' will need to be notified of this so that they can carry out any necessary LFTs) An LFT must be conducted regardless of whether the visitor is vaccinated against the Coronavirus.
5. The visitor must wear a face covering throughout their visit and thoroughly sanitize their hands on arrival and when they depart.
6. The resident must be waiting for their visitor in their room.
7. The visitor must be supported to take the most direct route to their loved one's room. *Where possible, the nominated visitor must access their relatives' bedroom directly, i.e. through a 'patio door'. Where this is not possible, the nominated visitor must take the most direct route. Visitors to Cedar View and Hambledon must take the lift. Visitors to Thursley must (if able) take the stairs.*
8. During the visit, the visitor will be asked to social distance as much as they possibly can with staff and their relative.
9. The visits will not be supervised by a member of staff to give some privacy to the visitor and relative.
10. The visitor can use the toilets in the Skills Centre, or an en-suite WC if available.
11. Following the visit, door handles, and hard surfaces must be wiped clean with surgical cleaner after the visit.
12. Please offer the visitor a beverage during their visit.
13. Two people can visit their relative in The Meath garden.
14. One visitor can collect their loved one from their room and take them out into the grounds, or into town.
15. ALL visits must be recorded on the daily records, including the duration of the visit.

From 12th April, we will be able to stay in another person's house overnight:

1. All home visits are to be arranged in advance with the unit staff.
2. When inside the unit, visitors must wear a face covering until they leave.
3. Sanitizing and cleanliness is imperative, any touched surfaces must be regularly cleaned.
4. The person collecting the resident must take an LFT before they collect their relative.
5. The resident can be collected in their room and their relative can help them to pack.
6. All medication leaving the Meath must be signed, checked and signed out by a competent staff member and the relative.
7. On return to the Meath, the resident must be offered an LFT. Where possible the LFT should take place outside of the unit. If this is not possible then it can be undertaken in the resident's bedroom.
8. If the visitor wishes, they may bring their relative back onto the unit into their bedroom themselves and help them unpack before leaving.