

RAPS Bell July 2020

Dear RAPS member

It's wonderful to know that more of Port Solent will re-open on Saturday. Mindful of the scenes last week along the coast and other desirable destinations I asked the Boardwalk Manager, Lisa Fowler, what people should expect to find and what controls will be in place. This is her reply, which I think is reassuring:

"We are very pleased to be re-opening but Port Solent is going to be a very different place for a few months as we have to adhere to the Government's guidelines and see how they are going to work - most of the restaurants that are going to be opening will require diners to have pre booked and their capacity will be severely limited. Wetherspoons will have a queuing system in place for their visitors and they will only be able to sit 4 people together - once seated they will be encouraged to order by App - no wandering about will be permitted [I have attached their rules as an image file].

Not all of our establishments are going to be opening on 4th July - some are waiting a bit longer before they decide when to open. We also have a duty of care to uphold the Government's rule about knowing exactly who has been on our site and **all visitors will be required to leave their contact details with the restaurants** in case this is needed for track and trace if there is an outbreak.

Opening on Saturday - Relentless, Wildwood, Prezzo, Sir Alec Rose, La Casa Flamenca, India Quay, Harvester, O Sole Mio, Casa Brasil, Choc n Ice (downstairs in Trading Post).

The cinema will also open and Pavers is already open but only trading 10-4 each day.

We have tried to make it very clear on all our social media marketing that bookings are advised and space is limited but we do predict that there will be a lot of 'enthusiastic visitors' - we have our security team briefed and ready to act as a customer service role when all visitors enter site to make it clear that pre booking is key in the current situation (there are restaurants that will allow customers to dine if they don't have a booking but only if they have the capacity to seat them). We do have increased security ready for the weekend and if there is any trouble the police will be called.

Hopefully this opening weekend will be manageable and people will be sensible enough so we can get back to some sort of normality!!
Kind Regards

Lisa Fowler
Events, Marketing & Centre Administrator

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So, let's hope that good sense prevails and that the infection rate in our area can be kept as low as it has been in June - 5 cases in the whole of June for Portsmouth, and none during the last 7 days.



Best wishes, on behalf of the RAPS Committee
Chris
(RAPS Chair)