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Our offices are now open for client appointments. To ensure the safety of our staff and clients, appointments will be held on a limited basis and strictly in line with government guidance.

All appointments taking place at the office should be pre-arranged. Please do not attend the office without speaking to an RDP employee first. Please contact your solicitor directly or call 01633 413500 for more information.

This policy provides guidance to clients on how appointments will operate, to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it complies with any changes to legislation and guidance as they occur.

If you do not feel comfortable entering the office, please advise your solicitor or our receptionist before your visit and we will arrange to meet you outside and deal with matters at a safe distance in the car park.

When you arrive at the RDP offices, please...

1. Ensure you are wearing a mask upon entering the building
2. Ring the buzzer and wait for a member of staff to buzz you into the building
3. Use the hand sanitising station inside the main entrance
4. Make your way into the main reception area where you will be greeted by a member of staff
 - a. If you are attending a meeting, you will be taken straight into a conference room where you can wait for your solicitor to join you. Social distancing will be maintained throughout the meeting. Face masks may be removed whilst in the meeting room if all parties are comfortable. You can discuss your preferences on this with us when you arrive.
 - b. If you are dropping off, collecting or signing documents you will be assisted by a member of staff at the reception desk where a screen has been installed for safety
5. Understand we are unfortunately unable to offer you any hot drinks
6. Keep numbers to a minimum to allow us to sufficiently social distance
7. Keep your mask on as you are entering and leaving the building and whilst in the main reception area.

Please remember to bring your mask, and ensure you wear it as you are entering and leaving the building in addition to the reception area. Even if you have been vaccinated there is a chance you could still carry or spread the virus. If you are exempt from wearing a mask for a valid reason, please let us know in advance and we will make the necessary arrangements to conduct your meeting safely.

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Cleanliness

Please be assured all surfaces and touch points (including any pens used) will be thoroughly cleaned using anti-bacterial spray / wipes, after every visitor. This also includes the table in the entrance way and any stationery and touch points used during visits.

Test, Trace and Protect

We are required to keep an accurate log of all clients, visitors and suppliers entering the office to assist with the Government 'Test, Trace and Protect' strategy. Our receptionist will note down your name and date of visit in our confidential visitor log.

Please do not visit the office if...

1. You are experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever / high temperature
 - New continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse)
 - Loss or change to sense of smell or taste

2. You or a member of your household / extended household is self-isolating

If you have made an appointment and any of the above points apply to you, we ask that you please inform us straight away and your appointment will be rescheduled.

It is of utmost importance to us to keep both our employees and clients / visitors safe.

We would like to assure our clients that we are taking all the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to ensure your health and safety is protected and thank you for your continued support and patience.

This policy will be reviewed regularly in accordance with updates to legislation and as further guidance is provided by the Government.