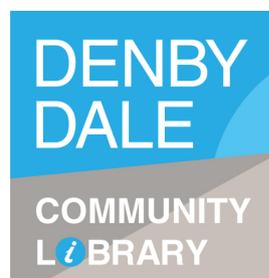


## Information from Trustees as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020



### **We know people are keen to be able to use our Denby Dale Community Library again**

Boris Johnson has said that leisure facilities can re-open from 4 July, if they can do so safely.

We want to welcome you back as soon as we can. However, we need to keep customers, staff and volunteers safe, which can be tricky with limited space and when there are lots of shiny book covers being handled.

We are working with Kirklees Library Services and Kirkwood Hospice to understand their plans and to see when we might be able to re-open. We are expecting Kirklees to make an announcement soon and will post an update then.

### **We have been talking with Kirklees Library Services**

We know Kirklees Library Services are working hard to find ways to get all their libraries open again.

Carol Stump, Chief Librarian, Kirklees Council has said:

*We will be taking things slowly, and in line with all Government and scientific advice; we'll be keeping a close watch on other services in this country and beyond, learning from good practice and taking advice where appropriate. The most important point to note is that in everything we now do going forward, the safety of our staff, volunteers and users is our primary concern, and we will only move onto the next step in the process when we are as confident as we can be that it is safe to do so.*

As part of the plans to re-open, Kirklees Library Services will need to visit our building and agree whether any changes are needed, for example new signs, changed layout or screens. These changes will depend on what services are being offered – for example, picking up books that have been ordered will be simpler than customers browsing through the shelves.

The order is:

- First, agree the services to be provided;
- Second, talk to staff and volunteers to agree how it's going to work;
- Third, visit the building to see what changes are needed;
- Fourth, make the changes and get everything ready for re-opening.

### **The next steps Denby Dale Community Library will take**

As the number of books we have at Denby Dale is limited, an important part of the service is the movement of books between the different libraries so we want to wait until this service is started up again before we can re-open.

Until Kirklees Library Services have agreed the services they will provide, we can't set any dates for re-opening but it's already clear that we won't be open in July. As soon as we have more information we'll let everyone know.

In the meantime, we hope you are making use of the online library services or the newly restarted Home Library Service, available to the housebound and those who are shielding. For more information on the Home Library Service please contact 01484 226363.