

Dear Kenton LTC Members

As you will have seen from government announcements it will be permissible to play tennis again from tomorrow (Wednesday). Whilst this is excellent news in many ways we do need to proceed very cautiously given the devastation that Covid-19 continues to cause. The risk assessment of whether to play is a decision you need to make and be responsible for individually – the tennis committee cannot make any guarantees or commitments. We trust all members will behave responsibly and anyone playing is required to read and accept the following rules:

- As per government guidelines, only singles can be played except if the four people playing are from - and have been isolating in - the same household
- No under 16s are allowed on site unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian or responsible adult.
- Always keep the minimum 2 metres away from other players outside your household – please be especially vigilant on this whilst changing ends and when leaving the courts.
- Obviously handshakes or other embraces are out of the question for the foreseeable future and anyone with virus symptoms must stay away.
- Where court space allows avoid playing on adjacent courts: e.g. if 4 matches are being played Courts 1, 3, 4 & 6 should be used.
- Anyone playing must bring their own balls, maximum 4 per game/court. These should be easily identifiable (all the same brand or marked with a felt pen). Please only handle the balls being used in your own game – you can kick or hit other balls back to the owners if necessary. Always take your balls home with you to ensure no-one else will use them.
- The clubhouse (bar, hall, kitchen, changing rooms and toilets) and tennis hut are closed and members must not enter them. Go to the loo before you leave home to play! Bring hand gel with you keep your hands clean. Note the first aid bag will not be available either.
- There will be no bin facilities on site and any litter must be taken home and disposed of.
- Try and use a cloth or glove to handle common touchpoints – court gates, the car park gates & lock, net handles.
- Play is for members only – no guests allowed.
- In the short term the tennis section is likely to be the only users of the site with the nursery school closed and other sports suspended. It is therefore more important than ever that we do everything to maintain security. During lockdown there was a break-in with some cricket grounds maintenance machines stolen and various non-members were seen using our facilities. Generally the site should remain locked. For several years we have offered members keys to the car park and we have over 40 key holders.
 - Key holders are reminded that if you open the gates you are responsible for locking them unless you agree with someone else that they will lock the gates and confirmed they have the key with them.
 - If you are leaving and others are present without a key they have to leave at the same time.
 - Please lock up if you are the last person to leave.
 - Please keep the gates closed at all times – if you enter the grounds using a key please still shut the gates behind you to discourage passers-by treating the grounds as a park.
 - We have a small number of car park keys still available for a £5 deposit, to request one email kentontennis@gmail.com

In order to limit the number of people on site and avoid disappointment we will be operating a temporary but mandatory court booking system. Please e-mail kentontennis@gmail.com to request a booking at least 24 hours before you want to play, noting that you will need to be a key holder or playing with a key holder to get access to the courts. Court availability can be checked on our website

at: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=a2VudG9uLnRlbnM5pc0Bnb29nbGVtYWwlsLmNv>

bQ With tennis limited to singles our court capacity is halved so if people can play in the weekday daytime (e.g. retirees, students or juniors if they have parents that are not working) that would be appreciated as it will leave more space outside working hours for members that cannot.

Please also note:

- Coaching is not restarting immediately - this will be considered in due course,
- Middlesex tournaments are cancelled but members can play their club Singles Box League matches.
- Social tennis times (e.g. Sunday afternoon & Wednesday nights) will not be applicable in the short term.

We will need to keep all measures under review taking into account compliance with the above rules and the latest government/LTA advice so please look out for further communications from the club. Apart from e-mail the main channel of communication will be the Let's Play Tennis What's App Group – e-mail kentontennis@gmail.com with your mobile number if you would like to be added or have any questions.