

**PHASE B**  
**Re-opening Protocol for The Church of the Epiphany**  
**6 September 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have notified the Churches in the Religious Complex of one significant change as we now enter into Phase B at the Anglican Centre.

Children and youth will now be allowed to attend church worship services, as long as specific required safety precautions are followed.

However, during Phase B, given all the special challenges required to keep children, youth and adults safe using the safety precautions required by the Ministry of Public Health, **no Children's Services / Friday Church Schools / Children's Activities will be permitted.**

**Therefore, the only change at this time, for Phase B, is that Children and Youth are allowed to attend worship services, IF the below protocol is followed.**

**NOTE ON VULNERABLE GROUPS**

Adults over the age of 60, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic conditions are advised by MoPH and MoFA to not attend religious gatherings at this time.

**PROTOCOL FOR ENABLING CHILDREN TO ATTEND CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES FOR PHASE B**

It is important to think through various aspects for enabling children to take part in worship service during the ongoing pandemic. The MoPH's Covid-19 protocol does not exempt children from Face Mask, Social Distancing, Temperature and Hand Hygiene. The only exception is Ehteraz which is tied up with their parents.

In general, children are classified into the following categories;

- 1) Infant and Toddler (ages newborn–2 years)
- 2) Preschooler (ages 2–5 years)
- 3) School-aged child (ages 6–12 years)
- 4) Adolescent (ages 13–18 years)

**FACE MASK**

Children falling under the above categories of #2, #3 & #4 are to wear a medical face mask at all times when in the Anglican Centre. Masks of any other kind are not permitted.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

For maintaining Social Distancing, it is important to define a Family Unit. A Family Unit consists of Parents, Siblings and Nannies. Grandparents may be added if they are below 60 years of age. The Family Unit may sit together in a single row, by rearranging the seats. The

next person not part of the family unit must be seated only after 1.5 meters away or after skipping a seating mark whichever is less.

For Social Distancing, children falling under the category #4 need to be treated as if adults. Category #1 to #3 need to be treated as a Family Unit and the norms for Family Unit on Social Distancing applies to them.

Children in categories #1 to #3 must be always (entrance, hallways, toilets, sanctuary, chapel, exit, etc.) be accompanied by parents at the Anglican Centre and ensure social distancing.

## **ENTRY & ATTENDANCE**

- All children are considered as individuals for attendance purposes. The social distancing capacity of the sanctuary and chapel applies to the individual count.
- Like adults, every child has to be pre-registered for attending the service. If children are in categories #1 - #3, they can be listed under a parent's name, as members of a Family Unit.
- Similar to adults, children need to be checked-in at the reception counter.
- Children aged 2 years and above must wear a medical face mask at all times.
- Children temperature should be below 37.8 degrees to allow entry.

## **CHILD CARE**

Breastfeeding mothers may use the Change Room located next to the toilets at the Anglican Centre. Only one mother is allowed per usage.

Milk and children's food is permitted only in the Change Room and not in the sanctuary or chapel, or in other parts of the Anglican Centre premises. Nursing should only be done in the Change Room as well, and not in the sanctuary or chapel, or in other parts of the Anglican Centre premises.