**Community Garden**

**Covid-19 Health Protection Protocol for Volunteers**

Thank you so much for volunteering to keep the community garden looked after and productive during this challenging time. It will be wonderful to have a harvest as usual, and particularly appreciated this year.

The garden remains closed to community access. However, a number of people have volunteered to work in the garden to grow and harvest much needed fresh produce later in the season.

The committee agreed that a rota of volunteers would be set up, subject to strict health protocols in line with Scottish Government and local council rules. Each volunteer will be given their own bed and time slot. Clearly, our top priority is to avoid catching and sharing the virus. But if we do not comply with the regulations, the council also have the power to close the garden to all volunteers.

**All volunteers kindly giving their time must stick to the following rules:**

* **Only work outside. All enclosed communal spaces - the polytunnel, sheds and loo - remain closed to volunteers. Essential access e.g. for maintaining the pump will be limited to particular individuals and must be very infrequent.**
* **Ensure strict social distancing rules of 2m between people.**
* **Only work on your allocated bed(s) and during your agreed time slot. Let superviser know if you need to change your slot.**
* **Maximum of 2 volunteers working in the Garden at any one time**
* **Children: families with their own bed may bring one young child with them only if there are two adults - one closely supervising the child while the other gardens.**
* **No dogs please during this pandemic.**
* **Bring and use own gloves and hand tools. Please be careful when taking off gloves and storing tools when you get home. Ensure that you wash your hands thoroughly after your work session.**
* **Hand sanitiser, soap and paper towels are under the black bucket near the mains tap, and there is also a white basin for handwashing. Let supervisor know if anything runs out.**
* **Watering: sanitise the tap (rainwater or mains) and watering can handles before you touch them (shared watering cans near the pink shed).**
* **Leave gates open to reduce the number of touch surfaces.**

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