



Guidance on the Government's Roadmap for Easing Restrictions in England

A four-step roadmap to ease restrictions across England was published by the government. Before proceeding to each step, the government will assess the impact of previous steps based on four tests. The government will make announcement seven days in advance before restrictions are eased. The first step will come into effect on Monday, March 8th 2021. The only things that will change are listed below. You must continue to observe all other restrictions of the current lockdown.

Below is a summary of the government's roadmap.

Step 1: March 8th

Schools	All children and students will return to face to face education in schools and college; some university students on practical courses can return to face to face learning.
Childcare	Wraparound childcare and other supervised children's activities can resume.
Care home	Care home residents will be allowed one regular visitor provided they are tested and wear PPE.
Stay at home, but outdoor activities are permitted	You are still required to stay at home, but you may leave home for recreation outdoors such as a coffee or picnic with your household or support bubble. You may meet with one person outside your household if you are not with your household.

Marriages ceremonies can take place from March 8th but you must have no more than six participants for your ceremonies.

March 29th

Outdoor gatherings	Outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed.
Outdoor sports facilities and organised outdoor sports	Outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will be allowed to reopen. You can also take part in formally organised outdoor sports.
'Stay at home' rule will end	The 'stay at home' rule will end but many restrictions will remain in place. For example, you should continue to work from home as much as you can, and you are still not allowed to travel abroad.

Step 2: April 12th

Non-essential retail and public buildings	Non-essential retail can reopen. Personal care premises, such as hairdressers and nail salons, can reopen. Public buildings, such as libraries and community centres, can reopen.
Outdoor attractions	Most outdoor attractions and settings, including zoos, and theme parks, can reopen, although wider social contact rules will apply. Drive-in cinemas and drive-in performances will be permitted.
Indoor leisure facilities	Indoor leisure facilities, such as gyms and swimming pools, can reopen, but you must only go on your own or with your household.
Outdoor hospitality venues	Hospitality venues can serve people outdoors, but customers must order, eat and drink while seated.
Self-contained accommodation	Self-contained accommodation, such as holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can reopen.
Funerals	Funerals can continue with up to 30 people.
Weddings	Up to 15 people can attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events.

Link to full government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions>