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| Indoor Leisure Update  |

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| Dear Parent/Carer of St Josephs P S School,As schools return and COVID-19 restrictions gradually ease throughout our district, we have also reviewed our leisure services again. We are experiencing a high demand for all our indoor leisure services, particularly from sports clubs and groups who return for the first time in over 9 months!The following changes will allow us to increase capacities, operate more activity sessions and ultimately allow us to accommodate as many customers as possible whilst still ensuring protocols for COVID-19 remain in place including enhanced cleaning regimes, social distancing and track and trace. |

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| Please note there will be changes to our current activity timetable and session times as we introduce our new autumn programme.  |

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| Gym and Classes* We are creating as many gym sessions as possible and will be increasing the capacities in each session in Newry and Down Leisure Centre gyms.
* Gyms in the Newcastle Centre and Ballymote will remain closed.
* Our current class time tables across all our leisure centres will remain in place but we will aim to increase capacity where possible while still adhering to guidance.

Swimming Lessons* We are pleased to welcome back school swimming lessons throughout the district.
* We are aiming for Council swim lessons to return at the end of September 2021. The requirement for social distancing has significantly reduced our capacity for swimming lesson places and we are working hard to accommodate customers on our existing swimming lesson programmes and we will try our best to introduce new swimming lesson places as soon as possible.  Please do keep an eye on the NMD Be Active Facebook page where we will advertise any new swimming lesson places or sessions as soon as they become available.

General Swimming* To accommodate the return of swimming lessons and club bookings ‘general swimming’ sessions will be limited during the week however we have increased the number of general swim sessions at the weekend to help absorb this reduction during the week. Please note, that we only release swim sessions 8 days in advance and we encourage our customers to book in advance if possible.
* Autism-friendly swim sessions have also resumed and can be booked online by clicking below.
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| Health Suites* Following a detailed COVID-19 risk assessment the Council has decided to keep the sauna, steam rooms and spa pools within our leisure centres closed until further notice. Any members who have access to these facilities within their membership package will receive appropriate discounts.

Soft Play and Birthday Parties* Soft play sessions in Newry Leisure Centre have also resumed and can be booked online by clicking below.
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| * You can now book our facilities for Birthday Parties however restrictions may apply. For further details please contact the centre you wish to hire.

Block and Casual Bookings* You can now book our sports halls and rooms on a block booking and casual basis. For further details please contact the centre you wish to hire.

  Booking in advance* All customers must continue to book gym, swim, class and activity sessions in advance. You can book online or on our NMD Be Active app. You can also book your sessions by calling us on 0330 137 4026. For further information and guidance on how to download the NMD Be Active app so you can book activity sessions in advance visit: [https://www.newrymournedown.org/be-active-app](https://mandrillapp.com/track/click/31098689/www.newrymournedown.org?p=eyJzIjoidEJJbFlTQm1GWGoySzFzZkE5VkRwVUo5YU44IiwidiI6MSwicCI6IntcInVcIjozMTA5ODY4OSxcInZcIjoxLFwidXJsXCI6XCJodHRwczpcXFwvXFxcL3d3dy5uZXdyeW1vdXJuZWRvd24ub3JnXFxcL2JlLWFjdGl2ZS1hcHBcIixcImlkXCI6XCI2MDE0YjFhMzAzZTY0NWFkODA0OTI4ZDE5Mzk0N2MyOFwiLFwidXJsX2lkc1wiOltcIjMxYjRhMDYzN2Q3ODMwODRiMTIxOGFmOGE4MzVhNDkxMDIwZTIxYjhcIl19In0)

We would like to thank all our customers for their support to date and we will do all we can to increase capacity while adhering to the COVID-19 protocols so that all our customers can continue to safely enjoy our leisure services. |

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| Your Be Active Team |

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