

Dear residents and representatives,

It has been nice to see the sun poke out from behind the clouds a little this week. Hopefully some indication that spring is close at hand.

We note that we remain COVID 19 free at Boneham at the moment and thank everyone for complying with our visitor requirements so carefully.

Unfortunately, over the last 24 hours we have experienced the onset of a gastro-enteritis bug in our Wren Unit. This gastro illness is out and about in the community at the moment and we believe it most likely came into Wren with a resident returning from an outing. As gastro-enteritis is also a serious health risk for elderly people we are applying some local restrictions to our Wren Wing until this outbreak is under control. Primary family contacts of residents in Wren Wing have all been informed this morning.

If you can avoid visiting Wren for the next few days, please do so to minimise the risk of spread. If you have a pressing need to visit Wren between now and Monday please contact our nursing staff or Director of Care in advance of your visit so that they can advise of localised restrictions which may change from day to day depending on the spread of the illness.

The rest of Boneham is unimpacted at this point so visiting remains permissible for 2 nominated visitors per resident per day. Visits are to take place in the residents room, an outdoor space or in our café. Please ensure you bring proof of a RAT test with you and wear an N95 mask at all time when on-site.

Finally, We thank all of our community for the kind words and well wishes for our staff for Aged Care Workers Day last Sunday. We celebrated internally with cake, coffee, pizza and chocolates. Your ongoing kindness to our team is always well received and provides a boost in what can at times be hard and thankless work. We thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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