**Meeting in private homes**

Some Mothers' Union groups have met in member’s homes for some time, but other groups may be considering meeting in this way – either indoors or in gardens over the summer months. What should you take into consideration?

**Covid-19 considerations**

* Although regulations start to relax, you should try to maintain as much social distancing as you can when with people you don’t live with. Avoid physical contact, being close, or face to face.
* Even if the regulations don’t require face coverings, if it re-assures members, you may want to request this.
* Make sure that rooms are well ventilated by keeping windows and doors open, which will help with the flow of air that reduces the risk of infection.
* Avoid touching items or surfaces in someone else’s home such as light switches or door handles. Have just one person to answer the door.
* Provide hand sanitizer for use by everyone coming into – and leaving - the home.
* Try to avoid meeting too many different people socially in a short space of time.

**Risk Assessment**

It’s always a good idea to do a risk assessment of a new meeting place and a straightforward risk assessment can be found at <https://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/resources/public/Risk%20Assessment.docx>

In addition to the risks that may impact members coming into a home, the homeowner to think about the risks to their property or possessions and take appropriate action, such as moving items of financial or sentimental value that could be accidentally damaged.