Statement from Bristol City Council 6pm 23rd March 2020

"If you are taking exercise in one of our parks please be sensible and take notice of the government’s advice around social distancing – make sure you are two meters or more away from other people at all times. We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable. If as a city we do not do this, then the government is likely to put tougher restrictions in place – and we do not want this happen, as parks and green spaces are so important to people’s mental health.”

**We are closing some facilities. These new measures include temporary closure of:**

Leisure centres

St Nicholas Markets

Blaise Nursery retail outlet

Bristol City Council run park cafes and kiosks at Ashton Court, Blaise Estate, Oldbury Court Estate, Canford Park, St George Park and Hengrove Play Park

Toilets on all sites

Hengrove Play Park play equipment

Cabot Tower

All parks car parks – Ashton Court Estate, Blaise Estate, Oldbury Court Estate, Snuff Mills, Eastville Park, Redcatch Park and Netham Park

St Andrews Park paddling pool

Netham pavilion

Ashton Court miniature railway

Bowling greens as well as removal of goalposts and ‘last man standing’ cricket

The golf hub at Ashton Court

We are seeking residents’ cooperation to stay away from other facilities. Facilities residents should not use include:

Children’s play areas in parks

Wheels parks and multi-use games areas

Park shelters

Sport facilities for formal or informal sports

To protect members of the public from undue risk, anyone who has tested positively for coronavirus or who is self-isolating should stay at home.

The Bristol City Council website now has a hub page with all the latest up to date information.

A reminder all group volunteering activities in Bristol’s parks are cancelled until further notice, in view of the latest advice individual volunteering in parks (litter picks etc) is also discouraged (stay at home as much as possible). Anyone who has spare time and wishes to help the community should register on the CanDoBristol website to be added to the list of volunteers the city will be able to call on in the coming weeks and months.

Be safe.