**Dorking Chess Club COVID policy**

This policy has been updated to reflect new government legislation **mandating face mask wearing by law in most indoor settings from 10 December 2021.**

We hope that chess players who have their own, as well as their chess playing fellows, best interests at heart will choose to follow this advice. It is a matter of each individual’s personal responsibility to protect each other.

The committee will keep this policy under review and will comply with the prevailing government guidelines.

• Members should keep in touch with government guidelines and mandates Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). The following is based on the current version as at the date below

• Members should avoid bringing the virus to matches or meetings by:

o Not attending if you have tested positive for COVID (this is a legal requirement)

o Not attending if you have any COVID symptoms or if you don’t feel well

o Getting fully vaccinated

o If you have any doubts, taking a lateral flow test prior to the event. Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

• The club will mitigate airborne transmission by:

o Providing hand sanitizer at the entrance to the chess room

o Ventilating the venue as far as is practicable

o **By law you must wear a face mask unless you are medically exempt.**

▪ For clarity

o Spacing out tables and having 1 game per table as far as is practicable

o Asking members to avoid congregating around boards

• Members should avoid touch transmission by:

o Using hand sanitizer that the venue owners will provide at the entrance or the club will provide at the entrance to the chess room

o Avoiding common touch points such as refreshment areas where possible

13 December 2021