

COVID-19 Update 15th June 2020

**Digswell Place Group RDA Plan Back to Riding Step 1.**

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Dear all,

We know that many of are missing your time at Digswell and look forward to getting back, and we're working on plans for a very gradual return for a few riders over the coming weeks. Our priority in this planning is the SAFETY of everyone involved. The risks of COVID-19 remain, and our plans must meet both RDA UK guidelines and prevailing UK Government regulations. Even as restrictions ease, we anticipate that social distancing will be required for an extended period. This will have a significant impact on what we're able to do, particularly for group sessions, led riders and those who have side-walkers. We're also aware in our planning that there'll be some riders & volunteers who may not feel ready to return yet and others who want to return but who cannot for their own safety.

Our Step 1 Back to Riding Plan is based on "*what we can do*" safely at this point so we've identified some independent riders who we'll approach in the coming weeks, to see if they're willing and able to return. Sadly for the majority of our riders and volunteers at this stage, this means it may be some time, maybe months, before we see a full return, even with new conditions including extra hygiene measures, Yard protocols and social distancing zoning.

**Step 1 Back to riding means the following:**

**Riders**

Your usual session Coach or Sue J will be in touch if you're on our independent riders list to discuss returning to ride. All other riders please bear with us but do contact your session coach or email [info@digswellplacerda.org.uk](mailto:info@digswellplacerda.org.uk) if you have any questions.

**Volunteers**

Independent riders require minimal volunteer support to ride and social distancing means only a limited number of people can be at the Yard at one time. If your coach needs help they'll approach you. The existing small working party, to whom we are extremely grateful, will still be able to come to the Yard as they work in an independent socially distanced zone. Meanwhile if you'd like to volunteer help in other ways please keep an eye on our Facebook and website where we'll post information on fundraising and other projects which we'd appreciate help with.

**Coaches**

Sue J will be in touch if you have riders in the Step 1 plan. Please rest assured though that if you're not ready to return yet or are unable to, we understand & other plans can be made.

We continue to monitor and adapt our plans and will update via our website, FB and email. Meantime thank you all so much for your patience and ongoing support.

Kind regards

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