

Roadmap to campaigning

This guidance applies in England. People in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should follow the specific rules in those parts of the UK.

HANDS



FACE



SPACE



The following guidance applies on and after the date stated. Take all necessary precautions, such as social distancing, sanitising hands and wearing face masks when mixing with others, to ensure that all outdoor campaigning activities are Covid-secure.

FROM
MONDAY
8TH MARCH

ONLINE &
EMAILS: YES.



FUNDRAISING:
Online or through the post.



HAND DELIVERY:

YES. Only with your household, support bubble or one other person from outside your household.



MAIL DELIVERY:

YES.



CAMPAIGN TEAM
AND MEETINGS:

Meetings to organise and plan campaigns should be held online or over the phone.



DOOR-TO-DOOR
CANVASSING:

YES. Following safety guidelines. One campaigner should approach an individual doorstep and maintain social distancing of 2 meters. **Don't go inside people's private homes, though it is permissible to enter a communal area (e.g. block of flats).**



TELEPHONING:

YES.



OFFICE & TRAVEL:

Please meet online. Activities such as collecting printed materials should be organised on a one by one basis.



FROM
MONDAY
29TH MARCH

ONLINE &
EMAILS: YES.



FUNDRAISING:
Online or through the post.



HAND DELIVERY:

YES. Outdoor gatherings of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed.



MAIL DELIVERY:

YES.



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TELEPHONING:

YES.



OFFICE & TRAVEL:

Work from home where possible. Activities such as collecting printed materials should be organised on a one by one basis.



IMPORTANT: Please remember to be considerate and responsible when campaigning and respect the wishes of any voter who does not want to receive literature or be canvassed.

Recognising the issues relating to personal safety of campaigners being on their own, the Government has advised that more than one campaigner may be on a street at any given time. However, 'gathering' is not permitted.

Plan for GOTV

Activity must be considered in accordance with the prevailing guidance on gathering, hygiene and social distancing.

CAMPAIGN CENTRES & COMMITTEE ROOMS:

Yes, but limited. Any indoor activity should be functional and not social. For example, a campaigner would only enter inside the building to meet the committee room organiser in order to collect election literature or drop off telling slips.



TELLERS:

Yes



LIFTS TO THE POLLING STATION:



No

Further guidance for GOTV and polling day will be released in due course.

Nominations

The nomination process has been temporarily changed to limit the need for in-person contact.

Additional guidance and legislation will reduce the number of signatures required to validate a candidate's nomination.

- For elections in 2021, only 2 signatures are required for local council nomination papers which will limit the need for in-person contact.
- Please see further guidance for the requirements for Police and Crime Commissioner and Combined Authority Mayoral elections.
- It is still necessary to obtain physical signatures on a nomination paper.
- We would strongly suggest that you try to line up voters to sign nomination papers by telephone or email, in advance of visiting to obtain the

signature. This will reduce the number of doors you need to knock on and will also allow you to plan, with the elector, how the signature can be collected in a Covid-safe manner.

- Please ensure that at all times you follow current Government guidance on social distancing and where pieces of paper are being handed over (or picked up from a doorstep) we encourage you to wear a face covering and use hand sanitiser.
- Please contact the Electoral Services department at your local authority to ask for information on how they intend to conduct the checking/ submission process. It may be that initial checks can be carried out via email (using a scan or image of the signed paper) or you may need to book an appointment to do this in person.
- As ever, the sooner you can complete and submit your nomination papers the better. If papers are not submitted until the last minute there is less time to correct errors and an increased risk that we will not be able to validly nominate a candidate in a given seat.
- Letters of authorisation for those nominating candidates on behalf of the Party can be obtained from your Area Campaign Manager.

