

Dear members of the Kahal

As a result of the Prime Minister's announcement last night, the cemeteries at both Hoop Lane and Edgwarebury have, with immediate effect, implemented tighter controls on attendance at funerals and visiting in general. As of this morning, the Edgwarebury and Hoop Lane Cemeteries websites have been updated as follows:

The cemetery is now CLOSED to all visitors until further notice.

The Prime Minister's address to the nation on 23rd March was very clear: "From this evening I must give the British people a very simple instruction - you must stay at home."

Please do not visit the cemetery unless you are attending a funeral as "immediate family." The cemeteries are restricting this to next of kin only and their spouse/partner. Next of kin is a husband/wife, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister. It does not extend to grandchildren or cousins. Those who are medically vulnerable and/or over 70 years of age should consider the advice and guidance of the UK Government.

The family will be asked to maintain social distancing at all times. Only direct mourners will be invited to put in earth.

All kippot and prayer books have been removed and there will not be transport to and from the graveside.

I appreciate these are very difficult times for everyone but we must follow the guidance given as it is in the best interests of the health and wellbeing of the Kahal.

Be safe and well.

Regards

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