

Weddings at the Register Office from 19th July, 2021 onwards

How many people can attend a wedding at the register office ?

wedding room used	Maximum capacity
Statutory marriage room	Couple being married and two witnesses only.
Council Chamber Foyer	Couple being married and 10 guests only
Council Chamber	Couple being married and 50 guests only

The maximum capacity does not include the two registrars, official photographers/videographers and children under 1 year old but does include children aged 1 and over and also all guests including witnesses, best men, ushers, bridesmaids and parents of the couple being married.

Is wearing a face covering mandatory ?

Wearing a face covering is now encouraged but optional.

We ask that you respect anyone, staff or guest who does choose to wear a face covering whilst here at a wedding.

Disposable face coverings are available upon request.

Do I need to provide test and trace information ?

No, you no longer need to provide us with test and trace information of those attending the wedding.

Are there any other restrictions ?

Photographs are an important part of a wedding day. We will be as flexible as possible with the taking of photographs but we may limit the number of photographs taken. You are welcome to bring confetti to use for photographs outside.

What other measures are in place ?

We are continuing with our enhanced cleaning routine to maximise cleanliness of the marriage room. Hand sanitiser is also available throughout the building for anyone who wishes to use it.

Will there be any changes to restrictions ?

If there any changes to restrictions including to the maximum number of people wo can attend either following government or local policies which affect your wedding we will contact you as soon as we can and advise you of the impact and your options.

Whilst restrictions are currently lifted they may return.

Future changes

Due to additional demands for use of the council chamber for meetings, there are plans to no longer use it as a wedding venue. Weddings will relocate to an alternative room in the Town Hall, currently committee room no. 1, which has views of St Cuthbert's Church and grounds. At present we do not have a definite date when the move will occur or what the capacity will be, but the move will not be before autumn 2021. If your wedding is likely to be impacted by the relocation then we will contact you as soon as further information is available.