

ICARUS PHOTOGRAPHY – COVID 19 UPDATE AND BLOG

Icarus Photography will always do our best to accommodate you and your family during these uncertain times. Of course, your concerns will be for health and safety and when your wedding can safely go ahead.

We will follow all government guidelines at the date of your wedding. We appreciate the situation may change and will adapt accordingly. Our aim is to honour your new wedding date if for any reason the ceremony is postponed. This may be due to a lockdown, or self-isolation.

During the national lockdown in England which runs from November 5th-December 2nd, wedding ceremonies and receptions are banned except in exceptional circumstances. Once the lockdown expires, England will revert to the three-tier system. Previously, under the rules of the tier system, weddings could take place with a maximum of 15 people. The tier system was brought in as part of new restrictions on 14th October. Weddings and receptions were reduced from a maximum of 30 to 15 people on 28th September.

Please bear in mind the current total of 15, once lockdown expires, should include officials and the photographer(s). The venue must meet all the safety guidelines of social distancing, mask wearing, sanitising, test and trace. Ceremonies should be as short as possible with no group singing or playing of musical instruments. The venue should keep a record of visitors for 21 days in case they need to be traced.

The tier system and levels of restrictions are of course under constant review. We will monitor any changes that could affect your wedding and please we would ask you to do the same. We would recommend the GOV.UK website where any changes to restrictions for weddings can be found.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-small-marriages-and-civil-partnerships>

With current guidelines in place, if your wedding date is outside any period of lockdown, we will photograph your wedding. In the interest of all parties we will ensure the venue meets all safety and social distancing guidelines. We will take precautions such as wearing masks and regularly sanitising.

We would endeavour to work with you if you are forced to move your wedding to a new date. This may be due to a national or local lockdown, self-isolation or a close relative becoming infected. Our aim is to photograph your wedding. Rest assured we will aim to cover the new date at no extra cost.

We cannot take bookings from areas in Tier 3. While we are all trying to work through unprecedented times, and we appreciate the frustration of potential clients. Yet we must make a risk assessment and think of the safety of ourselves and our clients.

We are happy to provide a full refund if a postponed wedding causes a double booking or we ourselves are forced to self-isolate.

We understand some of our clients would rather postpone their wedding until a time when the restrictions maybe eased. We also appreciate there is the risk of a wedding being cancelled. As we have already stated, we will be as flexible as possible. The last thing we wish to do is leave our clients feeling aggrieved or disappointed.

We will do our best to find the best solution with our clients as we work through these unprecedented times.

