

## REOPENING NEWS

### EIFFEL TOWER OPENS

The Eiffel Tower in Paris will reopen on 25 June after being closed for more than three months due to France's COVID-19 lockdown. However, the number of people allowed up the tower will be limited and everyone over 11 years of age will have to wear a face mask.



## SHOPS OPEN AGAIN

**NON-ESSENTIAL** shops began reopening in England this week.

Most stores have been shut since March, when the Government introduced a nationwide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only essential shops like supermarkets and pharmacies were allowed to stay open. Garden centres reopened in May and car showrooms have been open since 1 June.

But, from Monday 15 June, any shop in England could reopen

### WE'RE OPEN!



Teams at ZSL London Zoo mark out 2m spaces around their animal enclosures ready for social distancing

**ZOOS** across the country have started to open their doors this week, after the Government gave the go-ahead, as long as visitors can maintain safe social distancing.

Last week we reported that many zoos were in danger of closing for good after being told to stay closed, despite being large, mostly outdoor spaces. However, last Wednesday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that if they could reopen safely, zoos and safari parks could start to welcome visitors from Monday 15 June.

Many zoos, including ZSL London Zoo and ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, had already started preparing for reopening, marking two-metre spaces around their animal enclosures. Some zoos are not quite ready to open yet and are still making the changes they need to open safely.

While it's great news that zoos can open, many are still worried that reduced visitor numbers will mean they won't make enough money to survive the winter season.

The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) is urging people to support their local zoo in any way they can. "Today some of us are celebrating, but the struggle continues," BIAZA said. "We are proud that together we are rising to the challenge, whether we are small or large, regardless of the types of animals we care for, or the nation we are in. As a community, we are stronger together."

If you are planning on visiting a zoo with your family, you will need to pre-book tickets first.

Some areas, like reptile houses, will be closed and you must follow strict social distancing guidelines at all times. Check with your local zoo for details about their opening times.

A huge queue of shoppers outside the Niketown store in London who don't seem to be socially distancing



### THE NEW NORMAL

- Customers must keep two metres apart.
- That means shops are limiting the number of people allowed inside.
- That, in turn, means queues have been forming outside shops.
- Many shops have clear Perspex

- screens at the tills between checkout staff and the customers.
- Shop staff are expected to clean objects and surfaces frequently.
- Items that customers have touched, such as books or shoes, are put into quarantine for up to 72 hours, to make sure any germs die before the items are touched again.

for business – as long as they followed safety guidelines to keep shoppers and staff safe (see right). Scotland and Wales are expected to follow in the next week or two. Shops in Northern Ireland reopened last Friday 12 June.

Going shopping is a very different experience after lockdown. In clothes stores, fitting rooms are closed. Waterstones, the bookstore, will be quarantining any books customers have touched for 72 hours. Entertainment chain HMV are offering a personal shopper service, so you can leave a shopping list with a member of staff who will gather your items for you.

On the same day as shops in England reopened, some English secondary schools and colleges welcomed back students in years 10 and 12. But only a quarter of the year groups are allowed to be on the school or college site at the same time.

### WOW!

**SUPERMARKET** chain Iceland has adopted every penguin at Chester Zoo! The company offered to help following an appeal by the zoo, which has huge debts as a result of closing its doors during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## DON'T LOOK DOWN!

**CHINA'S "horizontal skyscraper" has officially opened its first attraction – a glass-bottom observation deck.**

And it's not for the faint-hearted!

In fact, it's barely for the brave, as this stomach-churning glass-bottom floor is a whopping 250m up in the air!

The horizontal skyscraper, known as The Crystal, stretches across the tops of four of the eight vertical skyscrapers that make up the Raffles City Chongqing complex in Yuzhong District, China. The Exploration Deck (we'd name it the "see-through, lose your lunch sky tunnel", but that's just us) officially opened this week, following a lifting of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

To adhere to local social distancing measures, only 3,000 people are allowed to visit the giant Exploration Deck each day and tickets must be purchased in advance to regulate the crowds.

