 

**Finzels Reach Market adapts to Coronavirus**

Great news for street foodies, Finzels Reach Market is due to reopen for the first time since lockdown.

Since the Prime Minister announced last week that outdoor markets could reopen from 1st June, the wheels have been set in motion to get the market COVID secure and reopened so that some of Bristol’s small businesses can start to trade, albeit on a smaller scale.

Customers to the market should expect some changes including a scaled down version of the market with less stalls so that social distancing measures are implemented, a queuing system similar to those at the supermarket and a 1-way system in and out of the market. Customers can still expect an excellent selection of global street food on offer for which Finzels Reach Market is famous for.

Since lockdown, many small food businesses have been struggling to stay afloat with some able to adapt with home deliveries and others barely surviving having not been eligible for the governments’ small business grants and schemes.

Market director Sophie Bowden said:

“As soon as lockdown happened; our business and our traders’ businesses came to a complete halt so we’re over the moon that we’re able to adapt the market in order to safely reopen. We’ve followed government guidance and we’ll have all the necessary control measures in place but we’re just so elated to have some good news finally. Although a lot of additional expenditure and work is required to make our market COVID-secure, we can’t wait to get back to it and start trading again.”

“Although we want to reopen the market, we want to do so safely and without encouraging crowds so we’ll be reducing the amount of stalls, extending opening hours and asking customers to pre-order to limit face to face time in the market.”

Gavin Bridge, director of Cubex, the developer of Finzels Reach, added:

“I’m obviously delighted that Sophie and our fabulous independent traders are back. I’d really encourage everyone to support the market reopening. Have fun and eat well.”

The market is due to reopen at Finzels Reach on Friday 5th June from 11am – 3pm. Further details including a market user guide and information on traders will be posted on the markets social media accounts.

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