

Public Health Updates Relevant to Education

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A. New Guidance:

[Separation by sex: implications for inspections of mixed sex/co-educational schools](#)

- On all inspections of a mixed-sex or co-educational school, inspectors must assess the extent to which the school complies with the Equality Act 2010. This guidance, for Ofsted inspectors, sets out how to proceed if they find separation by sex on inspection. This is also covered by the [school inspection handbook](#) (paragraph 243) and the [non-association independent schools inspection handbook](#) (paragraph 235).

(Published 17/09/20)

B. Updated Guidance:

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

- This guidance explains what childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- The section on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been updated.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

[Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

- This guidance explains what all schools will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term.
- The section on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been updated.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

[Actions for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

- This guidance sets out what further education (FE) providers need to know for the autumn term so that students of all ages can benefit from their education and training in full.
- The section on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been updated.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

[Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](#)

- What all special schools and other specialist settings will need to do during the coronavirus outbreak from the start of the autumn term to support the return of children and young people with special education needs and disability

- Guidance updated to amend the information on risk assessments for those with an education, health, and care plan.
 - Guidance on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been updated.
- (Updated 17/9/2020)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): kits for schools and FE providers

- Guidance for schools and further education providers on the supply of coronavirus home testing kits for pupils, teachers and staff.
- Updated information on ordering test kits and clarification of wording for different age group test use.

(Updated 14/9/2020)

Education plans from September 2020

- This guidance is for education providers about Ofsted's phased return to inspection.
- The guidance has been updated with information about Ofsted's inspection of providers on the Childcare Register resuming from 16th September 2020.

(Updated 11/9/2020)

Phonics screening data collection 2020: technical specification

- This document defines the scope of, and business rationale for, the phonics screening check data collection 2020.
- Updates have been made to the technical specification to prepare software suppliers for the autumn term 2020 phonics screening check for year 2 pupils.

(Updated 10/9/2020)

Phonics screening check data collection: guide to submitting data

- This guidance provides information on how local authorities should collect phonics screening check data from all local-authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools.
- It has been updated by adding information on the additional data collection required for 2020, and the updated opening and deadline dates.

(Updated 10/9/2020)

Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update

- This Ofsted guidance provides information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills providers.
- This guidance has been updated by adding links to guidance on what activity Ofsted will carry out for schools, further education and skills providers, and early years providers from September 2020.
- This guidance has been updated to confirm that no Parent View management information will be published in October.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

Bolton: local restrictions

- This guidance outlines what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in Bolton.
- The following updates have been made this week
 - 17/9/2020 - Updated to reflect that the 'rule of 6' introduced in England on Monday 14 September now applies to Bolton.
 - 15/9/2020 - Updated to clarify that you should not socialise with people you do not live with, unless they're in your support bubble, in any public venue.
 - 14/9/2020 - Added clarification that the 'rule of 6' being introduced in England on Monday 14/9/2020 does not apply to Bolton because of its higher infection rate. You

- must not meet with anyone outside of your household or social bubble in the borough.
- 11/9/2020 - Updated with information on the restrictions that will come into force on 14/9/2020.

COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing

- Advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- This guidance has been updated regarding the number of people allowed to meet.

(Updated 14/9/2020)

COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities

- This guidance for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings.
- This guidance has been updated to reflect changes to upcoming NHS Test and Trace rules and restrictions on social groups gatherings.
- *This guidance may be useful for settings that have facilities used by communities.*

(Updated 14/9/2020)

Maintaining records of staff, customers, and visitors to support NHS Test and Trace

- This guidance outlines how organisations in certain sectors should collect details and maintain records of staff, customers and visitors on their premises to support NHS Test and Trace. (The sectors include facilities provided by local authorities, including town halls and civic centres for events, community centres, libraries and children's centres)
- This guidance has been updated with information for organisations regarding displaying an official NHS QR poster.
- *This guidance may be useful for settings that have facilities used by communities.*

(Updated 14/9/2020)

COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic

- The guidance provides advice on how places of worship can open, for limited permitted activities, in a manner that is safe and in line with social distancing guidelines.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

- This may be of use for faith schools.

C. National Data Releases / Updates:

The R number and growth rate in the UK

- The latest reproduction number (R) and growth rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK.
- The R number range for the UK is 1.0-1.2 and the growth rate range is -1% to +3% per day as of 11/9/2020.

(Released 11/9/2020)

National COVID-19 surveillance reports - Research and Analysis

- National COVID-19 surveillance reports, including weekly summary of findings monitored through various COVID-19 surveillance systems.
- Added week 37 report, infographic, contain framework and data tables.

(Updated 11/9/2020)

[Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#)

- This document contains the most frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak.

(Updated 14/9/2020)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): countries and territories exempt from advice against 'all but essential' international travel](#)

- This guidance lists the countries and territories that have been assessed as no longer presenting an unacceptably high risk to British people travelling abroad. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) travel advice is based on risks to British nationals, including in-country public health assessments. The lists of countries removed from the list are in the updates at the bottom.
- This may be useful for schools in relation to children returning to school from holidays.

(Updated 17/9/2020)

[Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

- This collection of documents outlines summary of attendance during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in education settings since 23/3/2020 and early years settings since 16/4/2020.
- The collection has been updated by adding 'Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak: 23 March to 10 September 2020'

(Updated 15/9/2020)

[Governing in unprecedented times - Research and analysis](#)

This report from Ofsted and the National Governance Association looked at school governance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The small-scale research project investigated the challenges for school governance during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and it looked to understand the decisions and actions of governors and trustees in response to the short- and longer-term challenges presented by lockdown measures in England.

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D. News / Press Releases / Other:

[Businesses urged to prepare for NHS COVID-19 app](#)

(Useful for schools who hire out their use of their facilities to sports clubs etc.)

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[Public Health England launches new Every Mind Matters campaign](#)

Mental health campaign supports the wellbeing of children, young people and their parents. The new Public Health England (PHE) [Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign](#) provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

(Published 9/9/2020) *(Mistakenly omitted from last weeks bulletin)*

[School governors and trustees say they are prepared for COVID impact](#)

Ofsted and the National Governance Association (NGA) publish a study that shows the business of school governance has continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Rule of six comes into effect to tackle coronavirus](#)

Rule applies across indoor and outdoor settings, with police able to disperse gatherings of over six people and fine individuals involved.

[99.9 per cent of schools open for start of autumn term](#)

New official figures show almost every school in England has opened for the start of the autumn term, following months of hard work and dedication from staff

E. Local Public Health Intelligence:

Bolton's Public Health team share data on COVID in Bolton, via the dedicated webpage at <https://www.boltonjsna.org.uk/coronavirus>. This webpage provides access to the range of local analyses of COVID-19, along with access to the daily data for Bolton, postcode look ups to view cases and deaths in smaller areas, and a weekly note summarising COVID in Bolton, along with links to a selection of the national guidance. Please use Google Chrome or Firefox as your internet browser for the best experience.

This webpage is part of the newly developed website for Bolton's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), www.boltonjsna.org.uk which provides a local picture of health and wellbeing needs and the underlying determinants of health in the borough. At the present time, this website is a prototype and its release has been accelerated to enable wider access to a range of data, including the local COVID analyses. At this stage it contains a core set of data on the population, their health and the underlying factors that influence health and wellbeing in the borough, and we will be adding new analyses and resources as these are completed to grow a rich repository of data and intelligence for the borough.

We will endeavour to summarise key Covid related information for education settings in addition to this website to help you keep up to date. Current details can be found in this [weekly update](#) on the Extranet.