

**Bolton COVID-19
Update for Early Years
Q&As – 22nd September 2020**



Q: When can a member of staff that has tested negative return to work?

A: They can return once they are well enough to do so and not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, such as a temperature.

Q: Travelling to and from setting in a taxi.

A: You can help control coronavirus and travel safely by walking and cycling, if you can. Where this is not possible, use public transport or drive, please see the attached guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles>

Q: When talking about Tier 1,2,3 (email 7/09 HS letter HL) what determines when Bolton goes in to the tiers up or down?

A: The Government is committed to keeping schools and educational settings open. There is not one piece of data that will be used to make that decision. It will be a conversation between Government, Public Health and the Local Authority.

Q: Is it ok to share setting risk assessments with a parent as a way of reassuring them about the measures providers have in place?

A: Yes, this can help parents feel reassured - also any other professional attending provision. You may not want to share the whole document but you can share sections that are most appropriate to share. As a risk assessment is a working document that you will be reviewing and updating according to Government and NHS guidance changing remember to keep parents informed of those changes too.

Q: I had a child develop a temperature last Friday. In line with our policy parents were contacted and the child was tested. The results have come back negative and the child is showing no other symptoms and is well. She has returned Monday but still has a temperature. Can I confirm with you that I should still follow the same advice and send home again for 10 days? No family members have tested positive (both children were tested) but the brother has been sent home as someone in his class has tested positive.

A: We are currently seeking national advice on whether fever on its own in an early years settings and babies with alternative explanation for raised temperature such as teething should be considered for taking public health actions such as self-isolation and quarantining of household contacts. In the meantime, while we wait for national guidance, babies that are teething or have an alternative clinical diagnosis for an increased temperature the child should be excluded from the early years setting and seek testing for Covid-19. However, parents and household contacts should not be advised to self-isolate until results are obtained.