

# COVID-19 Early Years Webinar

6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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# Public Health Perspective

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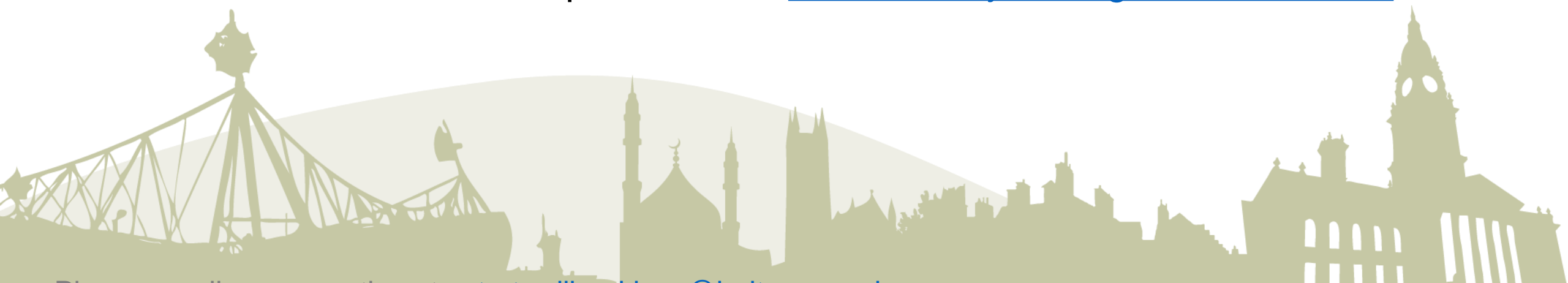


# Understanding the local picture

- Daily and weekly monitoring of a range of indicators of disease transmission, including testing activity, positive cases, hospital activity, mapping and investigation of clusters/outbreaks, deaths
- **No one value or single piece of information gives a complete picture**

Overall picture:

- The latest data for Bolton is published at [www.boltonjsna.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.boltonjsna.org.uk/coronavirus)



# Update on Covid Position in Bolton

- The number of positive cases amongst Bolton residents remains high, with on average 94 cases per day in the week to 29<sup>th</sup> September
- The 7 day rate per 100,000 is 231/100,000 for the 7 days ending the 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Testing rate 237.4/100,000
- Positivity rate 13.9%



# Update on Covid Position in Bolton

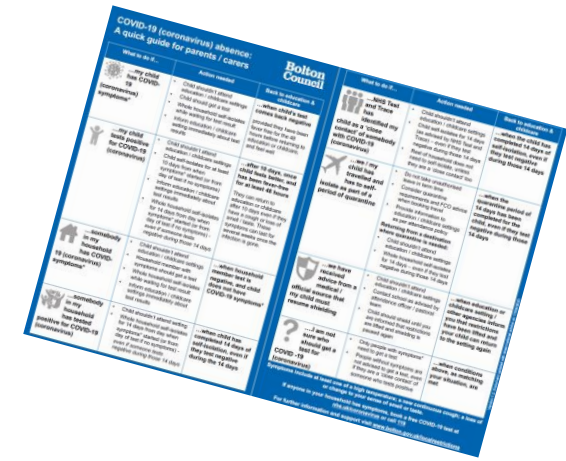
- Cases appear to be more dispersed across all age groups and there remains a drop off at 65 although not as pronounced as it has been.
- Around a third of cases in the last week are aged 0-24
- Although new COVID-19 cases are widespread across Bolton, Crompton and Westhoughton South wards have seen the highest week on week change respectively; numbers of new cases remain highest in the ward of Rumworth.
- A disproportionate number of cases are from the most disadvantaged parts of the borough, although this is becoming less marked
- The majority of cases are White British ethnicity, with an increasing number of Asian Indian and Asian Pakistani cases

# Communication Plan Update

- Prioritising campaigns to avoid message fatigue
- Self-Isolation is next campaign
  - Leaflet translated into 11 languages
  - FAQs on council website
  - Working with Bolton Council Of Mosques (BCOM)



# Self-Isolation



Locally identified issues with people not following self-isolation rules – two perceived reasons:

1. They do not understand
2. They choose to go against the rules

## Anyone self-isolating **must**:

- ✓ stay at home
- ✓ seek help from people outside their household to do shopping, collect medication etc, if everyone in the household needs to self-isolate
- ✓ consider using online resources such as Be Kind to Your Mind and Every Mind Matters
- ✓ request a test if they develop symptoms

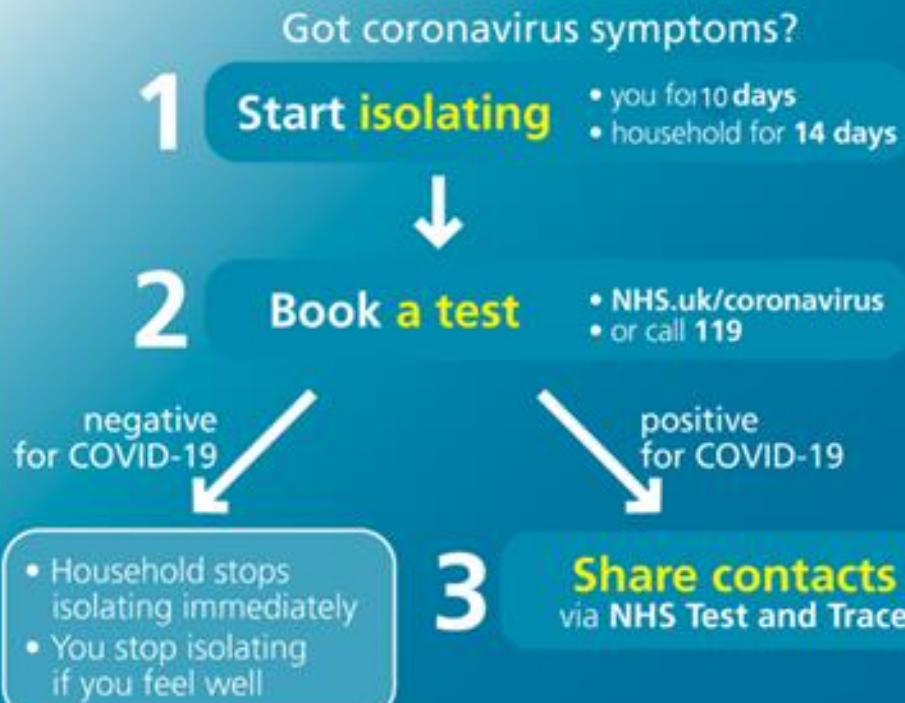
## Anyone self-isolating **must not**:

- ✗ leave their home
- ✗ go to school or childcare
- ✗ go out with friends
- ✗ go shopping
- ✗ go to sports training or playing sports matches
- ✗ let anyone who doesn't live with you come into your home\*

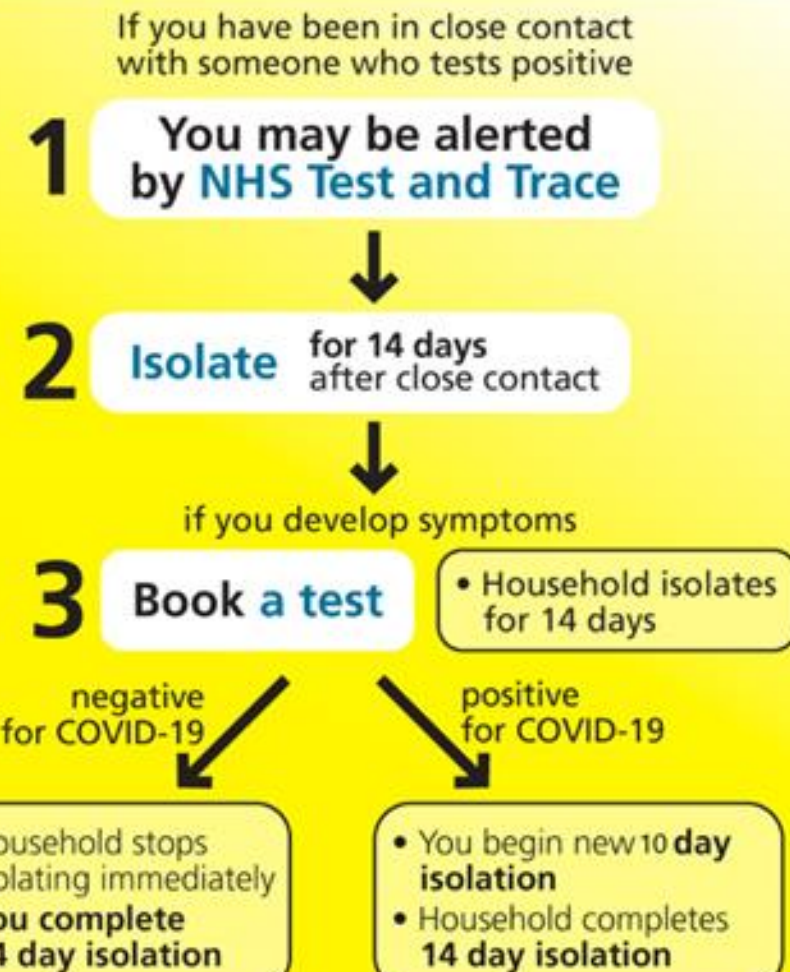
## Useful reference points:

- Parent Leaflet
- Council webpages for FAQs
- Government website
- Letter to parents





**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**



# ChatHealth

The 0-19 service offers a 'Text a Nurse' service for families in Bolton.

The service is available between 8am-8pm Monday – Friday (and Saturday and Sunday for young people.)

Please contact our service for posters and business cards for your school.



... for a better Bolton



# Flu programme 2020/21

- In light of COVID-19 the flu programme will be essential to protect vulnerable people and support resilience of our communities and health and care system
- All 2 and 3 year olds will get an invite from the GP for the flu vaccination – via the nasal spray vaccine
- Public Health England (PHE) - those children whose parents refuse 'Fluenz' nasal spray flu vaccine due to porcine gelatine content **may be** offered an injectable vaccine which does not contain porcine gelatine **if and when** stocks become available.
- The inactivated vaccine **may** only be offered if a consent form has been received stating that reason for refusal is due to porcine gelatine content

# Direct and close update

Any items of PPE and other mitigation measures such as face coverings or visors, worn in an Education setting, whilst helpful in reducing the spread of infection, **will not** prevent someone from being identified as a contact and being asked to self-isolate for 14 days if they meet the contact definition criteria:

## Direct contact:

Face to face contact with a confirmed case for any length of time, within 1m, including:

- being coughed on,
- a face to face conversation,
- unprotected physical contact (skin to skin) or
- travel in a small vehicle with a case. This also includes any exposure within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer

## Proximity contact:

- Extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres) for more than 15 minutes, with a confirmed case.

# Further updates

Helen Shearer  
Head of Start Well



# Closures by setting type

**As of 5th October**

Less than 2% of the bubbles or case of self-isolation have come from Early years providers.

Factor influencing self-isolation and impact on Bubbles:

- Smaller group sizes and smaller population in settings (3748)
- Reduced daily sessions
- Avoiding staff movement within the setting
- Children collected and dropped off by adult (not going out into the community)



# Reporting and Support Roles

## Services

- increase / reduce service as needed
- provide specialist advice and guidance relating to the service area

## Contact Tracing Team

- advice on action following positive cases

## Start well link officers

- general support / escalating issues

# Emergency Testing Kits

## Guidance for Bolton Schools on Accessing Coronavirus Test Kits(September 2020)

Government have not at this time made tests available to Early Years Providers. In Bolton we have made local provision.

### Routes to accessing testing kits (settings)

- 1.Prebook at a testing site, or order a home kit (primary route - advised)
2. Failed to get a test on the national portal ***then***– email [Startwell@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:Startwell@bolton.gov.uk) for emergency testing kits.

**\*All tests are for symptomatic pupils / staff only\***



# Open letter to parents and guardians

- The Chief Nurse and Interim Chief Medical Officer of NHS Test and Trace have written an open letter to parents and guardians about when they should book a coronavirus (COVID-19) test for their child.
- The letter explains that a test should only be booked if a child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  - a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  - a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  - a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
  - Children do not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste. This is because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

This information may be helpful to share with parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

# Updates for Out of School Settings



Department  
for Education

## Updated guidance for Out of School Settings

[Protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) has been updated.

The guidance document [Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out of school settings during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) has been updated. **Updated: 28th September 2020**

Please email your questions to [startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk)

## Guidance 'COVID-19: Cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home' (Updated 15 July 2020)

The infection risk from a COVID-19 contaminated environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk from the virus, however, studies suggest that, in non-healthcare settings, the risk of residual infectious virus is likely to be significantly reduced after **48 hours**

### Dedicated Resource for Coordinating Contamination Cleans

# Cleaning and disinfection

- All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be cleaned and disinfected.
- Use disposable cloths and disposable mop heads.
- Hard surface cleaner followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.)
- Steam cleaner for carpets and soft furnishings.

# Waste

- This waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. It should not be placed in communal waste areas until negative test results are known, or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours.
- If the individual tests negative, this can be disposed of immediately with the normal waste.
- If COVID-19 is confirmed this waste should be stored for at least 72 hours before disposal with normal waste.

# Flu season 2020

Communications and Engagement Team  
Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

## Background

- Winter is recognised as a period of increased pressure on our NHS services.
- When compared nationally and across GM, Bolton is below average for flu vaccine uptake in 3-4yrs.
- Last year, Bolton CCG developed an early years resource pack to aid a conversation with 'Flo the flu fairy' and our young people.
- The pack contained a 'story time' resource and take home messages by way of stickers and image files.



Meet Flo...



*Flo*  
the flu fairy

*Character created to support a conversation around..*

- ✓ Positive uptake of nasal spray vaccination
- ✓ The importance of good hand hygiene - **especially important now!**



## The Education Pack

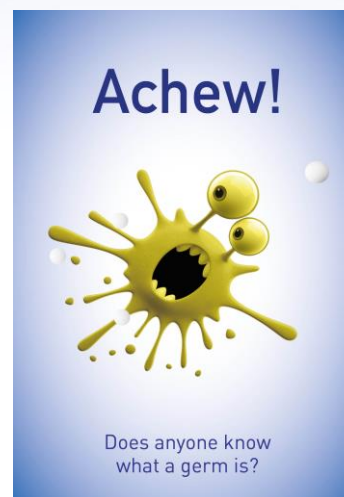
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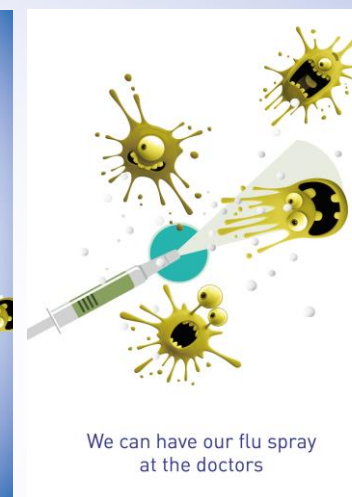
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**Flo**  
the flu fairy

**NHS**  
in Bolton

Introduction: Flu Awareness

**Q: Who knows what Flu is?**

The flu can make you or your family (mummy, daddy) very poorly/sick.

The flu can make your head hurt, make your muscles and body ache, and give you a sore throat, cough, or runny or stuffy nose.

[Support children's understanding by pointing at the body parts as you explain them/act out the actions i.e. cough]

**Q: Who knows how we feel when we are poorly?**

Are we happy or are we sad?  
[Thumbs up or thumbs down/happy or sad faces]

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Introduction: Confidence in Doctors

**Q: Who helps when we feel poorly? Where do we go when we are very poorly?**

We go to the Doctors to make us feel better.

[Are you able to introduce a Doctor's kit to your provision and support younger children with labelling their own body parts.  
Older children could use the kit to care for dolls and talk about when they have felt poorly]

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**Flo**  
the flu fairy

**NHS**  
in Bolton

Introduction: Germs

**Q: Who knows what a germ is?**

The most important thing to remember is that sometimes germs can make us poorly/sick.

**Q: How are germs spread?**

Flu germs spread when sick people sneeze or cough or if you touch something with flu germs on it and then touch your eyes, mouth, or nose.

[Support children's understanding by acting out the actions i.e. sneezing]

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**Flo**  
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**Q: How can we help Flo and stop germs spreading?**

We don't want to share germs with others do we?  
You can catch them in a tissue!

You can also have your flu spray at the doctors.

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**Flo**  
the flu fairy

**NHS**  
in Bolton

Introduction: Hand hygiene and nasal spray

Flo the flu fairy wants to help 'shoo the flu away' with the magic flu spray.

This can help to **stop** us and our families getting sick with flu.

We can also help by making sure we wash our hands and catch any germs in a tissue.

[Are you able to set up a hygiene station to encourage children to wipe their noses and promote good hygiene (tissues, bin, hand gel.)]

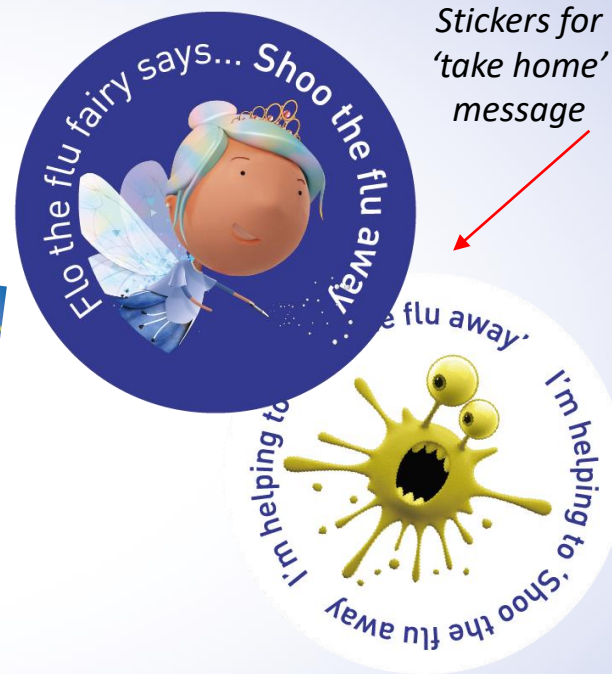
Reaffirm Flo message and reward with stickers

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## Other available resources...



Image files to share  
in newsletters  
and websites



Stickers for  
'take home'  
message

Flo is back - can you help?

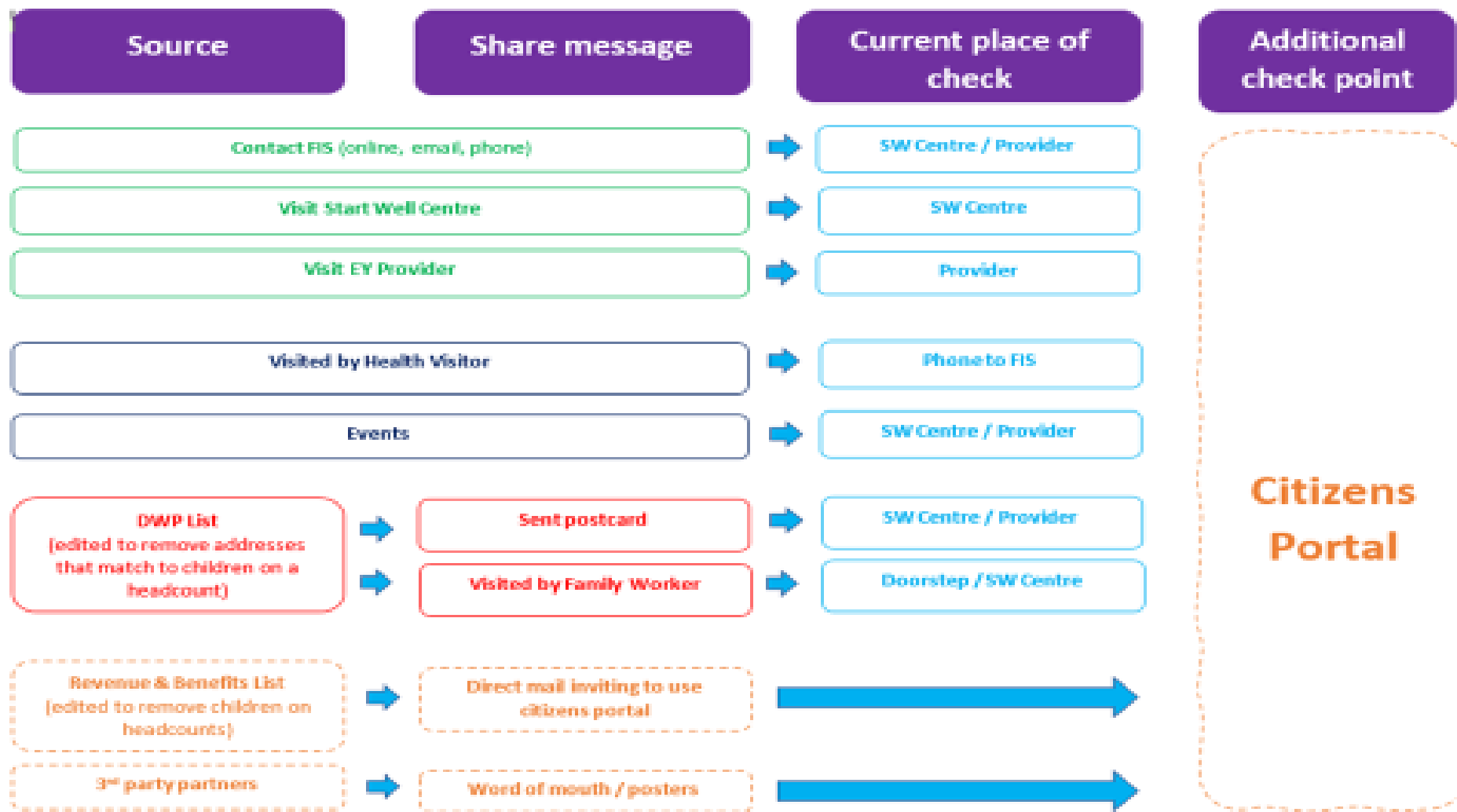
Thank you to everyone who has signed up again this year!

**If you haven't seen Flo before and are interested in  
receiving a Flo Education Resource Pack  
please email us on:**

[Bolccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:Bolccg.communications@nhs.net)

before Friday (9<sup>th</sup> October)

# Funding Check Pathways



**It's really important that providers check information on letters against birth certificates**



# Citizens portal- from 7th October

**REFERENCE GUIDE:**

**one** Two Year Old Funding

Section 1 Registration → Section 2 Homepage → Section 3 Your Child → Section 4 Applying → Section 5 What happens next? → Section 6 Change of Details/Viewing Messages

## SECTION 1 – Registration

Below is the Citizen Portal Welcome screen which explains what the Portal is used for. Please Make use that you read the [Privacy Notice](#) and [Terms & Conditions](#) before using the site further.

Don't have an account? Please [register](#)

Email Address

Password

Login

[Forgotten your password?](#)

### Welcome to the Self Service Portal

You use this site it is **recommended** you use one of the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer 10 or Higher
- Google Chrome (latest version)
- Mozilla Firefox (latest version)

You will need to first **register** before you can add and view applications for your child.

You can use this portal to see if your child is eligible for a **free Two Year Old Early Education / Childcare place**.  
**Please note:** Most Two Year Old Early Education / Childcare checks go through a national database from the Department of Work and Pensions. For more information about the privacy of the information you are submitting, please consult our [Privacy Notice](#).

By using this citizen portal you are agreeing to provide accurate information. Any personal information you give to us will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Council will only use your information for the purpose of your query for Two Year Old Funding. Bolton Council is required to report any cases of fraud or suspected fraud to other Government Departments. By using this portal you are agreeing to the [Terms & Conditions](#) found at the bottom of this page.

If you need assistance, please feel free to download our **user guidance** that explains how to complete a 2 Year Old Funding application by clicking [here](#).

Providers can still use the portal to do eligibility checks, we recognise that some parents still have a barrier of coming to ask for a check

- Citizens portal is similar to the provider portal but is **for parents** – they will log in and set up their own account, similar to the school admissions process that we run in Bolton.
- This will give parents an additional way to check eligibility and will hopefully reach some parents who either can't get to a centre or provider for a check or are nervous about doing so.
- We need to make sure that you continue to check name spelling, dates of birth etc. to make sure the data is accurate and doesn't affect headcount claims further down the line.
- Check documents as they register with you.

Please email your questions to [startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk)

# Questions



## Start Well Service

If you would like support and advice, Start Well will be on hand to call you.

Please contact the office on: **01204 33 8149** or email: [startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk)

and you will be directed to the right person.

A stylized silhouette of the Bolton skyline in a light olive green color, positioned at the bottom of the slide. It includes the Bolton Bridge on the left, a large hill in the center, and the Bolton Town Hall on the right.