

Public Health Updates Relevant to Education

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A. New Guidance:

[COVID-19 series: briefing on schools, September 2020](#)

- On 17 March 2020, all Ofsted routine inspections were suspended due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. As part of the phased return to routine inspection, Ofsted is carrying out [interim visits to schools](#) from autumn 2020.
- This is the first report and more will be published throughout the term. The reports will be published here [Ofsted COVID-19 series](#)

(Published 6/10/2020)

B.Updated Guidance:

[Greater Manchester: local restrictions](#)

- This guidance outlines what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in Greater Manchester. *It replaces the [Bolton: local restrictions](#) which was withdrawn on 2/10/2020 as Bolton's restrictions are now in line with Greater Manchester restrictions.*
- The following changes have been made this week
 - Changes to reflect Bolton being included in the Greater Manchester restrictions and edits for consistency across the local restriction guidance pages.

(Updated 2/10/2020)

[COVID-19: infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#)

- This guidance contains posters for good handwashing and hand rubbing using hand sanitiser.
- This guidance has been updated by adding IPC highlights quick reference guide

(Updated 16/9/2020)

[School governance update](#)

- This page has news and communications from the Department for Education (DfE) relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England.
- The page has been updated by:
 - adding [School governance update: October 2020](#) (Published 8/10/2020)
 - adding [Governance Structures and Roles](#) (Published 8/10/2020)
 - and amending [Governance handbook and competency framework](#) (Updated 8/10/2020)

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

- This guidance for schools and further education (FE) providers on the initial supply of coronavirus (COVID-19) home testing kits for pupils, teachers, and staff.
- The guidance has been updated to provide
 - further advice on the distribution of test kits for symptomatic staff
 - to communicate how schools and FE providers can look up their unique organisation number (if they have not received it) by using their DfE unique reference number (URN) or UK provider reference number (UKPRN)

(Updated 7/10/2020)

Early years foundation stage statutory framework (EYFS)

- This guidance outlines the standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development, and care of children from birth to 5.
- The disapplications and modifications to the EYFS are for all early years' providers in England, including:
 - maintained schools
 - non-maintained schools
 - independent schools (including free schools and academies)
 - all providers on Ofsted's Early Years Register
 - all providers registered with an early years childminder agency
- The guidance has updated the 'early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications' to reflect that the original disapplications ended on 25/9/2020 and the new regulations which came into force on the 26/9/2020

(Updated 7/10/2020)

Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

- This guidance aims to help understanding of how to follow safeguarding procedures when planning remote education strategies and teaching remotely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- The guidance has been updated with reference to local restrictions and links to new resources.

(Updated 6/10/2020)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel advice for educational settings

- This guidance provides advice for educational settings, and their students and staff, who are travelling or planning to travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This advice should be followed if you are a member of staff or student in an educational setting and you are: overseas, planning to travel within the UK or planning to travel overseas.
- This guidance has been updated with links added to the latest advice on travel for children under 18 organised by educational settings.

(Updated 5/10/2020)

School exclusion

- This statutory guidance on the exclusion of pupils from local-authority-maintained schools, academies, and pupil referral units.
- The guidance has been updated on changes to the school exclusion process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to highlight changes to the exclusions process from 25/9/2020.

(Updated 5/10/2020)

[Package of support for students who have to defer their studies](#)

- This document is for students who had planned to start higher education this year but who have had to defer until next year. It details a range of opportunities to gain new skills, undertake work placements, additional learning, and career development support.
- It has been updated with links to resources for Ministry of Defence, University Officer Cadets, Network Rail/TfL, Volunteering Matters, coronavirus testing centre jobs opportunities and contact details for Bombardier.

(Updated 5/10/2020)

[Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)

- This joint contingency plan is in place to deal with any major disruption that may affect exam candidates.
- This guidance document has been republished with updated links.

(Updated 1/10/2020)

Regularly Updated webpages that may be a useful reference to some schools

[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.

(Updated 25/9/2020)

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

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

(Updated 22/9/2020)

[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 8/10/2020)

[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 in legislation to track and trace.
- *This guidance may be useful for settings that have facilities used by communities.*

(Updated 1/10/2020)

[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.
- The Special religious services and gatherings COVID-19 checklist has been updated to incorporate changes in regulations, as they affect special religious services and gatherings, announced by the Prime Minister on 22/9/2020.
- *This may be useful for faith schools who utilise places of worship.*

(Updated 6/10/2020)

[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 to reflect the new legal requirements for designated venues to collect contact details and display official NHS QR code posters.
- *This guidance may be useful for settings that have facilities used by communities.*

(Updated 18/9/2020)

C. National Data Releases / Updates:

[The R number and growth rate in the UK](#)

- As of 2/10/2020 The R number range for the UK is 1.3-1.6 and the growth rate range is +5% to +9% per day.

(Released 2/10/2020)

[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 40 report, infographic, and data tables.
- Added Contain framework lower tier local authority watchlist - maps by LSOA and added 'Contain framework local authority watchlist: 1 October 2020'.

(Updated 2/10/2020)

[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 1 October 2020'.

(Updated 6/10/2020)

[COVID-19 TaskForce: Data briefing 8 October](#)

- Slides from the COVID-19 Task Force data briefing.

(Published 8/10/2020)

D. News / Press Releases / Other:

[Outstanding Schools and Colleges should no longer be exempt from Ofsted Inspection](#)

This week the DfE has confirmed our intention that outstanding schools and colleges should no longer be exempt from routine Ofsted inspection.

(Published 2/10/2020)

[Ofsted: School leaders determined pupils won't become 'the COVID generation'](#)

Ofsted has published the first reports on how schools and children's homes are addressing the needs of children at this time.

(Published 6/10/2020)

[HMCI commentary: findings from visits in September](#)

Amanda Spielman discusses what Ofsted found in their first visits to education and children's social care providers during September.

(Published 6/10/2020)

[Attendance remains high in state-funded schools - Education in the Media Blog](#)

Statistics published yesterday show 90% all children in state funded schools were in attendance last week.

(Published 7/10/2020)

Further Support for Schools During Covid19

[Reducing Teacher Workload and increase wellbeing](#)

The DfE are running a few live online events regarding reducing teacher workload in such demanding times. They will showcase how schools across the country achieved reductions and increased teacher wellbeing as a result, over 2019-20. You will hear from Ofsted on their expectations as well as school leaders on their work reducing workload in primary, secondary, and special schools:

[13th October 3.30pm - 4.30pm](#)

[14th October 3.30pm - 4.30pm](#)

[16th October 11am - 12pm](#)

[Physically Active Schools During Covid 19](#)

The DfE have launched a new online platform to inspire children to get active - hosted on YouTube, the platform will feature inspiring videos and resources for schools to help staff safely offer 30 active minutes in a COVID-secure environment. [Physically Active Schools](#).

[Teaching RSHE During the Covid 19 pandemic](#)

The DfE have launched a new RSHE web page for teachers to support schools in meeting the new statutory requirements for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), bringing together all the information you need to teach the new RSHE curriculum. This includes [practical guidance](#) to support curriculum planning and implementation, as well as 9 new [RSHE teacher training modules](#) to support teaching across a range of topic areas including online safety and respectful relationships. Visit the new [RSHE web page on GOV.UK](#).

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.