

Public Health Updates Relevant to Education

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A. New Guidance:

[Education recovery support](#)

- A list of resources to help early years settings, schools and 16 to 19 education providers support children and young people's wellbeing and education recovery.

(Published 11/6/2021)

[SEND: old issues, new issues, next steps](#)

- A report about the experiences of children and young people with SEND and their families during the pandemic, in the context of the SEND reforms over the last 10 years.

(Published 16/6/2021)

[HMCi commentary: putting children and young people with SEND at the heart of our recovery plans](#)

- Amanda Spielman discusses the current challenges in the SEND system and the part Ofsted can play in driving improvements.

(Published 16/6/2021)

CONSULTATION

[Terms of Reference for EPRS in summer 2021](#)

- Ofqual are consulting on proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS) for qualifications awarded in summer 2021.
- This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 28 June 2021.**

(Published 14/6/2021)

B. Updated Guidance:

[\(COVID-19\) Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do](#)

- Coronavirus restrictions remain in place. Find out what you can and cannot do.
- Guidance for areas where the new COVID-19 variant is spreading. ([BOLTON](#))
 - *The new COVID-19 variant spreads more easily from person to person. To help stop the spread, you should take particular caution when meeting anyone outside your household or support bubble.*
 - *In the areas listed (includes Bolton) above, wherever possible, you should try to:*
 - *meet outside rather than inside where possible.*
 - *keep 2 metres apart from people that you don't live with ([unless you have formed a support bubble](#) with them), this includes friends and family you don't live with*
 - *minimise travel in and out of affected areas.*
 - *You should also:*
 - *Get tested twice a week for free and isolate if, you are positive.*

- Continue to work from home if you can.
- [Get vaccinated](#) when you are offered it and encourage others to do so as well.
- Refer to local health advice for your area
<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/news/article/1164/how-bolton-is-responding-to-rising-covid-rates-and-what-we-can-all-do-to-help>
- You should get tested for COVID-19. This includes:
 - [Arranging to have a PCR test](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Participating in [surge testing in your local area](#)
 - [Getting regular rapid tests](#) if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - Arranging a testing or managed quarantine package if you plan to travel to red or amber list countries. [See further details](#)
- You should self-isolate immediately if you have [symptoms](#) or a [positive test result for COVID-19](#). There is [financial support if you're off work because of coronavirus](#).
- Updated (14/6/2021) - From 21 June, out-of-school settings can organise domestic residential visits for children in consistent groups of up to 30 children. This replaces the current limit of 6 people or 2 households.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK](#)

- This webpage contains various information regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for local government - GOV.UK](#)

- This webpage contains guidance for local councils during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak with links to information for schools and education.
- Added links to: public health, schools and education, social care, testing, travel, vaccines, other.

(Updated 7/6/2021)

Local Guidance

The latest local guidance can be found on [HealthySchools \(Extranet\)](#). Any changes to the Bolton Action Card or GM guidance can be found here.

Webpage on Council website – resources are being added to this page that others may find useful.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/news/article/1164/how-bolton-is-responding-to-rising-covid-rates-and-what-we-can-all-do-to-help>

Reporting concerns – ways to report concerns can be found here.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-1/local-restrictions-can-cannot/How-to-report-concerns>

General – Applicable to All Settings

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Education, universities and childcare](#)

- This webpage has links to all coronavirus education and childcare information (guidance and news) on GOV.UK.
- Guidance for parents and carers, students and university students, teachers and educational setting leaders

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) local restrictions in education and childcare settings](#)

- Explains how settings can prepare for restrictions to help contain community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). [The Contingency Framework](#) is a set of guiding principles designed to help decision makers when they are considering plans to apply, tighten or relax restrictions to education and childcare. Any restrictions on education would only be as a last resort and may only be initiated following a ministerial decision.

- This document applies to early years providers, schools (including independent schools) and alternative provision, 16 to 19 academies, further education providers (FE), higher education providers (HE), breakfast clubs and after-school clubs, holiday clubs and other out-of-school settings.
- Updated with further information on testing and face covering measures.

(No further updates since 13/5/2021)

(PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE COVERINGS IN BOLTON ARE STILL BEING ENCOURAGED AT THIS CURRENT TIME)

[Guidance for schools: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(COLLECTION\)](#)

- What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Updates have been made this week to

[Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings](#) (15/6/2021)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#) (15/6/2021)

[Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings](#)

- Actions for leaders and staff when using the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings.
- Added further information on app features and situations for pausing it.

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[Mental health and wellbeing support in schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- Find out what help you can get to develop a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.
- Added a list of [mental health and wellbeing resources](#) for teachers, school staff and school leaders.

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[Teaching about mental wellbeing](#)

- Practical materials for primary and secondary schools to use to train staff about teaching mental wellbeing.
- Added guidance to support relationships, sex and health education curriculum planning, as part of education recovery.

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges](#)

- Guidance on how to administer testing which began in January 2021. Including links to other [Resources](#)

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

- Guidance covers what all schools will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- It includes a link to the [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance](#). This guidance explains the actions school leaders should take to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their school. This includes public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE). It is for leaders and staff in primary schools, secondary schools (including sixth forms), special schools, special post-16 providers and alternative provision, 16 to 19 academies, infant, junior, middle, upper schools, boarding schools.

(No further updates since 10/5/2021)

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

- Guidance for schools and further education (FE) providers on the initial supply of coronavirus (COVID-19) home testing kits for pupils, teachers and staff.

(No further updates since 22/4/2021)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers

- This guidance provides information on walking, cycling, and travelling in vehicles or on public transport during the coronavirus outbreak. This may be useful for children returning from international travel.
- Updated to reflect roadmap out of lockdown.

(No further updates since 17/5/2021 though a translation was added 15/6/2021)

Red, amber and green list rules for entering England

- This may be useful for advising families about isolation when returning from holidays.
- Countries rated as red, amber or green for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the rules you must follow to enter England.

(Updated 8/6/2021)

SEND

Guidance specifically for the SEND sector. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

No further guidance updates made this week.

Please note however, the published Ofsted research in the “New Guidance” section above.

Early Years Specific

Guidance specifically for the early years sector. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

Early years and childcare: coronavirus (COVID-19) (COLLECTION)

- What early years providers need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

No further updates made this week in addition to those listed in general settings above.

Primary Sector Specific

Guidance specifically for the primary sector. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

Tailored information and guidance to support rapid testing in schools and colleges is available on the document sharing platforms for [primary schools](#).

PE and sport premium for primary schools

- How much PE and sport premium funding schools receive and advice on how it should be spent.
- Updated to confirm continuation of the PE and sport premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year. Also updated to reflect the announcement that schools can carry forward unspent PE and sport premium funding into the 2021 to 2022 academic year.
- On 17 June 2021 the Education Secretary announced a further relaxation of ring-fencing arrangements for the PE and sport premium. This will allow any unspent grant to be carried forward into the 2021 to 2022 academic year. Any under-spends carried forward from the 2019 to 2020 academic year, and the 2020 to 2021 academic year, will need to be spent in full by 31 July 2022. Schools should factor this into PE and sport premium spending plans. The 2020 to 2021 conditions of grant documents have been updated to reflect this.

(Updated 17/6/2021)

Secondary Sector Specific

Guidance specifically for the secondary sector. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

Tailored information and guidance to support rapid testing in schools and colleges is available on the document sharing platforms [secondary schools and colleges](#).

Summer schools programme

- Details of the summer schools programme for secondary schools including funding, requirements for running a summer school and best practice evidence.
- Added a link to the confirmation form. Schools should now confirm their arrangements and secure their funding for their summer school by completing the confirmation form by 30 June.
- Added specific conditions for new free schools to annex B.

(Updated 16/6/2021)

Post 16 - Further Education and Colleges

Guidance specifically for the post 16 sector. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

Further and higher education: coronavirus (COVID-19) (COLLECTION)

- What colleges and universities and other providers need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Updates have been made this week to -

Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings

- Actions for leaders and staff when using the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings.
- Added further information on app features and situations for pausing it.

(Updated 15/6/2021)

Vocational, technical and other general qualifications in 2021 (COLLECTION)

- Publications relating to the awarding of vocational, technical and other general qualifications in the academic year 2020 to 2021.

No further updates made this week.

Coronavirus and higher education students: England, 24 May to 2 June 2021 (Official Statistics)

- Experimental statistics from the Student COVID-19 Insights Survey (SCIS) in England. Includes information on the behaviours, plans, opinions and well-being of higher education students in the context of guidance on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

(Published 17/6/2021)

Wrap around Care

Guidance specifically for the sector providing wrap around care and out of school care/activities. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

- Protective measures for providers of community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings offering provision to children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- Guidance updated to reflect latest changes. Main changes - additional guidance on residential visits, which from 21 June can be undertaken by groups of up to 30 children.

(Updated 14/5/2021)

[Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- This guidance aims to help organisations and groups understand how to safely, and effectively, involve volunteers during the pandemic.
- Updated to reflect latest restrictions and added lines on out-of-school settings and capacity numbers. (Where volunteers are supporting a group activity, volunteers are not included in the number of people counted towards the legal limit.)

(Updated 17/6/2021)

Use of Other Venues or Letting of Facilities

[Guidance for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport \(DCMS\) sectors in relation to coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(COLLECTION\)](#)

This collection page brings together coronavirus guidance for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) sectors on gov.uk and partner websites. Information about the use of facilities and sport outside of school will be contained in this guidance.

Governance

[School governance update](#)

- The April governance update provides information and links to the main guidance pages that cover a range of topics that have been updated.

(No further updates since 20/4/2021)

Information for Parents

Guidance specifically for parents. Any generic updates are included in the general settings updates above.

[Information for parents and carers: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(COLLECTION\)](#)

- Information and guidance for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Updates made this week to

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) (14/6/2021)

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

- Guidance for parents and carers of children attending community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings.
- Updated section on educational visits.

(Updated 14/6/2021)

Technology and remote learning related

[Get help with technology](#)

- Information for local authorities, academy trusts and schools about the devices, internet access and support available to provide remote education and access to children's social care during coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Page contains links to
[Get laptops and tablets](#)
[Get support guides for laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers](#)
[Get internet access](#)
[Get funding and support to set up a digital education platform](#)
[Get free training and support to set up and use technology effectively](#)

Ofsted Updates

Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update

- Ofsted guidance and information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills providers.
- Updated the guidance on paediatric first aid certificates.

(No further updates since 3/6/2021)

(also see Ofsted report in New Guidance section)

Public Health - General

COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC)

- Guidance on infection prevention and control for COVID-19. Sustained community transmission is occurring across the UK.
- Updated to add requirements on local risk assessments and information around use of respiratory protective equipment and valved respirators. Clarified glove use in amber pathway.

(Updated 1/6/2021)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested

- Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.

(No further updates since 20/5/2021)

Regular rapid coronavirus tests if you do not have symptoms

- Information on getting regular rapid tests if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

(Last reviewed 11/6/2021)

Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

- Guidance for contacts of a person with a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) who do not live with that person.
- Added information on contacts organising a PCR test and added recommendation for those with symptoms to organise a test even if symptoms are mild.

(Updated 11/6/2021)

Surge testing for new coronavirus (COVID-19) variants

- Guidance on how 'surge testing' and genomic sequencing is being used in locations in England where COVID-19 variants have been identified.

(Updated 8/6/2021)

COVID-19 vaccination programme (COLLECTION)

- Documents relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.

(Updated 14/6/2021)

COVID-19 vaccination: British Sign Language resources

- British Sign Language (BSL) videos on COVID-19 vaccination.

Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make one - GOV.UK

- This page explains when to wear a face covering, exemptions from wearing one, and how to make your own face covering.

(No further updates since 22/4/2021)

C. National Data Releases / Updates:

[The R number and growth rate in the UK](#) (Released 11/6/2021)

- As of 11/6/2021 the latest R number range for the UK is **1.2 to 1.4** (which means that on average every 10 people infected will infect between **12 to 14** other people) and the latest growth rate range for the UK is **+3% to +6%** per day (which means the number of new infections could be growing by up to **6%** every day). Daily information can be found at [The official UK Government website for data and insights on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\). Daily Update](#)
- The UK estimates of R and growth rate are averages over very different epidemiological situations and should be regarded as a guide to the general trend rather than a description of the epidemic state.

[Reproduction number \(R\) and growth rate: methodology](#)

- How the R value and growth rate estimates are produced.

(Published 30/4/2021)

[COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey Round 4, England: March 2021](#)

- Initial headline estimates of staff and pupils testing positive for COVID-19 from the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey across a sample of schools, from selected Local Authority areas in England. This survey is being delivered in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Public Health England.

(Published 4/5/2021)

[National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports \(Official Statistics\)](#)

- National influenza and COVID-19 report, monitoring coronavirus (COVID-19) activity, seasonal flu, and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. Summary and key headlines can be found in the [Weekly national Influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report - Week 24 report \(up to week 23 data\)](#)
- Added week 24 report, graphs and data table.

(Updated 17/6/2021)

[Coronavirus cases by local authority: epidemiological data \(Collection\)](#)

- Weekly watchlist giving epidemiological coronavirus (COVID-19) data for each lower-tier local authority in England.
- This collection was withdrawn on 16 June 2021.
- This information is available on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the UK](#) government data dashboard.

(Updated 16/6/2021)

[Weekly statistics for NHS Test and Trace \(England\) and coronavirus testing \(UK\)](#)

- Experimental statistics from the NHS Test and Trace service and related documents.
- Added the latest report. [Weekly statistics for NHS Test and Trace \(England\): 3 June to 9 June 2021](#)

(Updated 17/6/2020)

[NHS Test and Trace statistics \(England\): methodology](#)

- Information on how the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) puts together the contact-tracing data in its weekly reports.
- Updated with new figure 1 (flowchart showing how people move through NHS Test and Trace). Also updated to reflect changes to the Managed Quarantine Service, and that table

21 will now be updated every 3 weeks. Added section on 'Number of LFD test conducted in private sector workplace settings'.

(Updated 17/6/2021)

[Reported coronavirus \(COVID-19\) cases by registered early years and childcare settings](#)

- This data is published fortnightly. It gives the number of registered early years and childcare providers reporting one or more confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) by week.
- Added data for weeks beginning 17 and 24 May.

(Updated 14/6/2021)

[COVID-19: impact on vaccination programmes](#)

- Reports assessing the impact of COVID-19-related physical distancing measures on delivery of childhood vaccination programmes in England.
- Added report on early vaccine coverage data to April 2021. [Impact of Covid19 on routine childhood immunisations: early vaccine coverage data to April 2021 in England](#)

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[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.
- Added [Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak – 23 March 2020 to 10 June 2021](#)

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[Laptops, tablets and connectivity progress data during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

- Information about how many laptops, and tablets and 4G routers we have delivered or dispatched to local authorities, and academy trusts and FE colleges.
- Added link to [Laptops, tablets and connectivity data as of 15 June 2021](#)

(Updated 15/6/2021)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) reporting in higher education providers](#)

- Statistics on known, confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in higher education as reported by providers.
- The release was updated on 26 April with data up to 7 April.

(No further updates since 26/4/2021)

[Coronavirus Act two-monthly reports](#)

- Two-monthly reports on which powers in the Coronavirus Act 2020 are currently active.
- Added ' [Coronavirus Act report: May 2021](#)

(No further updates since 27/5/2021)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

- Latest data and analysis on coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and its effect on the economy and society.
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) latest insights - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

(Updated 17/6/2021)

D. News / Press Releases / Other:

[REACT-1 study of coronavirus transmission: June 2021 final results](#)

- Results of real-time assessment of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) during June 2021.

(Published 17/6/2021)

[A letter to secondary school and college parents in England on continuing regular Covid-19 testing from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education](#)

(Published 18/6/2021)

[Vaccination programme accelerated as Step 4 is paused](#)

(Published 14/6/2021)

[Find out more about the Holiday Activities and Food programme](#)

(Published 16/6/2021)

[Children and young people with SEND disproportionately affected by pandemic](#)

(Published 16/6/2021)

[Exam Procedures Review Service in Summer 2021 – consultation on the Terms of Reference](#)

(Published 14/6/2021)

[What students teachers parents and carers think and feel about assessments this year in the wake of the pandemic](#)

(Published 17/6/2021)

[Exam appeals. What can I do if I think my grade is wrong? How do I appeal what will happen if I appeal? Your questions answered.](#)

(Published 9/6/2021)

[£3.4 million to expand The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in schools](#)

(Published 13/6/2021)

[Education Secretary set improving pupil outcomes as top priority](#)

(Published 16/6/2021)

[Pupils to benefit from better quality PE and sport next year](#)

(Published 17/6/2021)

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.