

Early Years Webinar

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Public Health Update

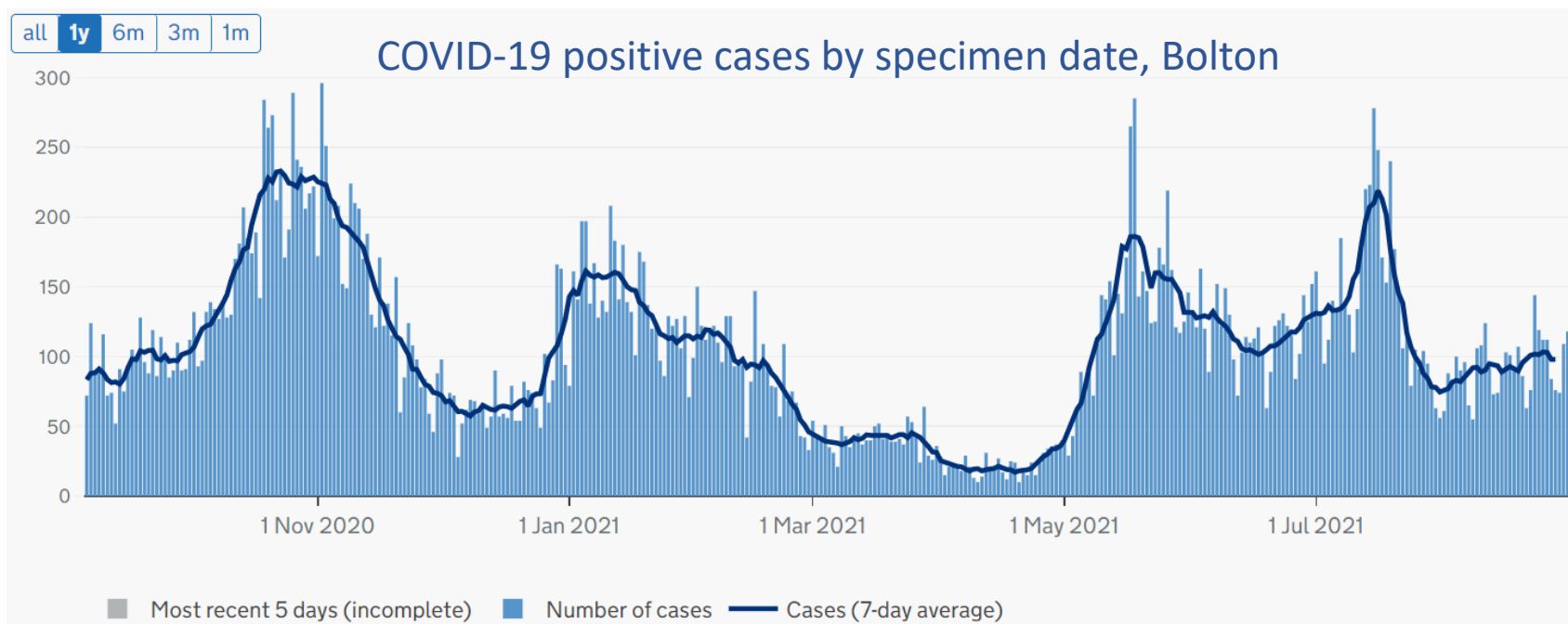
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**Let's get back to...
school routine**

Current COVID-19 picture in Bolton

- Case rates remain high but level
- Spread is highest amongst younger age groups 15-44s
- Small number of cases translating into serious disease and hospital admission



<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Bolton> as at 5th September 2021

Context – we are now at Step 4 of the Government's Roadmap

- Restrictions eased across society
- **In education and childcare settings ...**
Government objective to maximise the number of children and young people in face to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk
 - **Bubbles are no longer advised**
 - **Children who are close contacts wont need to self-isolate**
 - **NHS Test and Trace to undertake contact tracing of positive cases**
- The pandemic is not over - measures may still be necessary

Step 4:

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

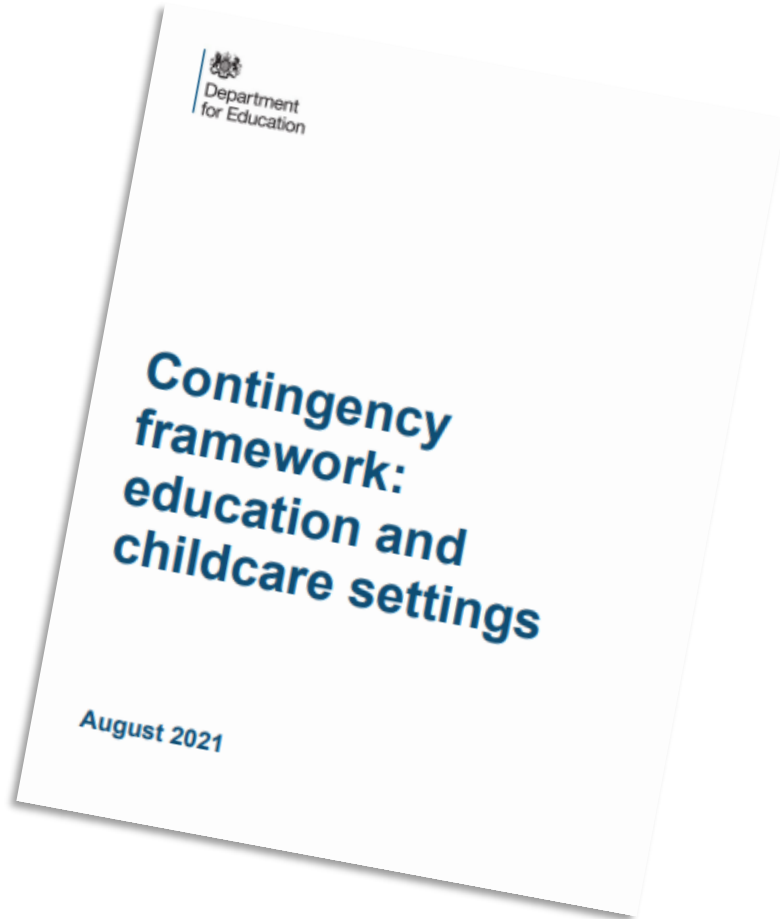
Coronavirus remains a serious health risk. You should stay cautious to help protect yourself and others.

- Meet outside, or open windows and doors for indoor visitors
- If you think you have symptoms stay at home and [take a PCR test](#)
- Wear face coverings in crowded places and on public transport
- Check in to venues when you go out
- Wash your hands with soap regularly, and for at least 20 seconds
- [Get vaccinated](#)

Baseline measures

- Staff should **test themselves using LFD twice at week at home** until the end of September when this will be reviewed
- Settings should continue to ensure **good hygiene**, appropriate **cleaning regimes** and keep occupied spaces **well ventilated**
- All settings should continue **strong messaging about signs and symptoms**
- Children, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They **should not come into the setting if they have symptoms of coronavirus**
- **Face coverings** public transport and dedicated transport to school or college

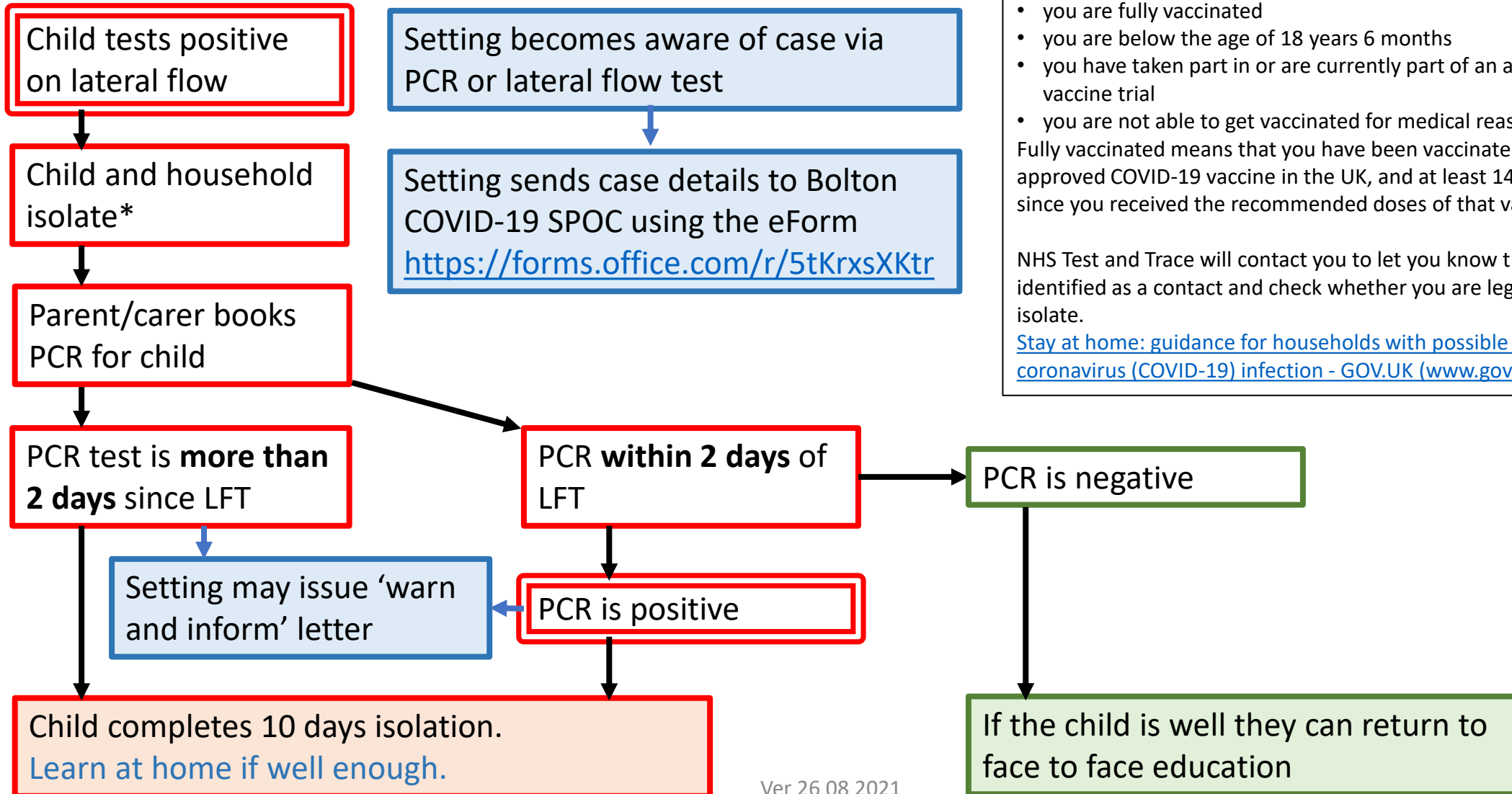
DfE Contingency framework: education and childcare settings



- The types of measure that settings should prepare for
- Who can recommend these measures and where
- When measures should be lifted
- How decisions are made

Local authorities, Directors of Public Health and PHE health protection teams can recommend measures in individual settings

Positive case in a child



* From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

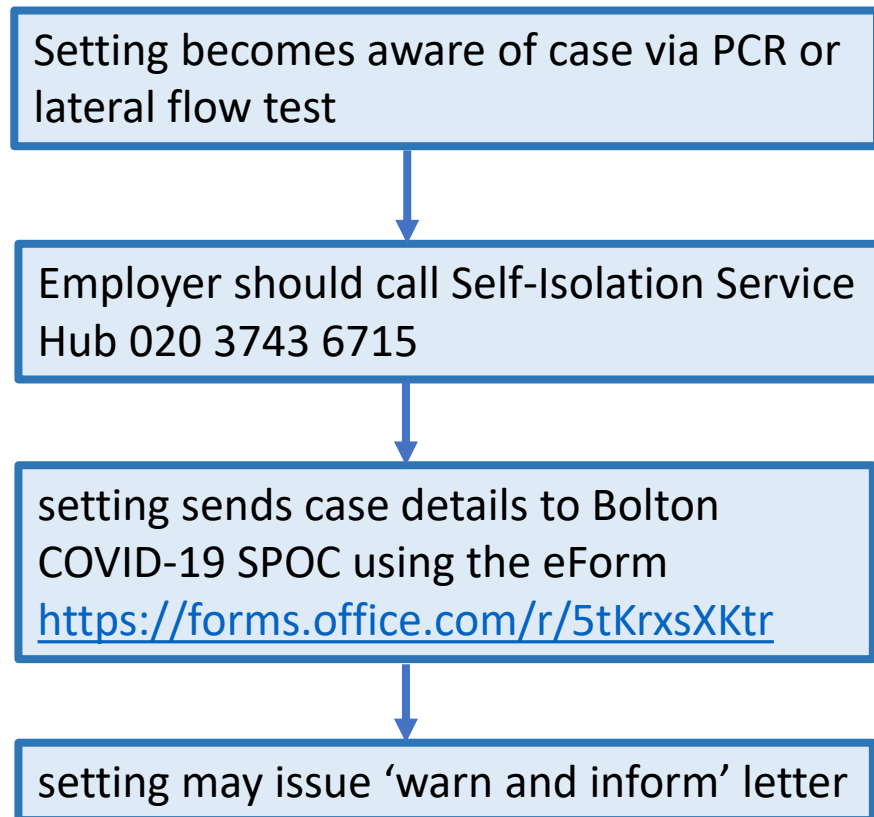
- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Positive case in a staff member



For all cases relating to staff, please also see the guidance for workplaces: [NHS Test and Trace in the workplace](#)

Employers should call the Self-Isolation Service Hub on 020 3743 6715 as soon as they are made aware that any of their workers have tested positive.

If cases amongst staff mean a setting meets the threshold, described above, employers will need to provide the 8-digit NHS Test and Trace Account ID (sometimes referred to as a CTAS number) of the person who tested positive, alongside the names of co-workers identified as close contacts. This will ensure that all workplace contacts are registered with NHS Test and Trace and can receive the necessary public health advice, including the support available to help people to self-isolate. Further guidance is available [here](#)

Extract taken on 25 08 2021 from [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

- [NHS Test and Trace in the workplace - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

When settings should consider further action (thresholds)

Secondaries – only applies after the initial two ATS tests are complete

For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

For special schools, residential settings, and settings that operate with 20 or fewer children, pupils, students and staff at any one time:

- 2 children, pupils, students and staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Close mixing, examples:

- *a form group or subject class*
- *a friendship group mixing at breaktimes*
- *a sports team*
- *a group in an after-school activity*

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➤ **Contact Bolton COVID-19 SPOC 01204 336004**

Monday – Friday 8.30-5.30; Sat, Sun 9.00-1.30

How to get COVID-19 testing in Bolton

Book a PCR test in Bolton

For people with symptoms, or for people who are a close contact of a positive case

- Book online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Get free lateral flow tests

For people without symptoms in Bolton

- Collect in person from

Pharmacies – find your nearest participating pharmacy by entering your postcode at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Bolton Arena, Arena Approach, Horwich, BL6 6LB, Monday to Friday 8am – 15:30pm

Victoria Hall, 37-39 Knowsley Street, BL1 2AS - 7 days a week, 9am – 5pm

- **Order online** at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

This information is valid up to 30th September 2021.

Check the latest information on testing in Bolton at www.bolton.gov.uk/testing

COVID-19 vaccination in Bolton

COVID-19 vaccination in Bolton, including local walk-in vaccination clinics and buses

<https://www.boltonccg.nhs.uk/patient-zone/coronavirus>

Supporting employees to get the COVID-19 Vaccine - toolkit

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/employer-toolkit/>



Links to Gov.uk guidance

- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/actions-for-early-years-and-childcare-providers-during-the-covid-19-pandemic) sets out the measures that settings should have in place to manage transmission of COVID-19 day to day
- [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(\[publishing.service.gov.uk\]\(https://publishing.service.gov.uk\)\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settings) describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of Coronavirus (COVID-19) (including responding to variants of concern) in education and childcare settings
- Settings may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace in exceptional circumstances to help with identifying close contacts - [Test and Trace: overarching privacy notice \(summary version\) - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/test-and-trace-overarching-privacy-notice-summary-version)
- [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Parent FAQ leaflets

- We have developed these leaflets to reassure parents and answer some of the most frequently asked questions, as children and young people return to education.
- Download the relevant [here](#).



Early Years leaflet



Primary School leaflet



Secondary School & Colleges leaflet

General Updates

Helen Shearer



General updates

Support arrangements:

- Cluster Link Officers will remain in place (Monday – Friday)
- Weekly Tactical meeting will continue
- No weekend cover from education staff – please contact the SPOC
- Arrangements will remain under review

Risk assessments:

- Risk assessments should be reviewed and updated
- Contact your H&S provider for more information

Please email questions to startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk

General updates - HR

Can we ask which members of staff who has been double vaccinated?

We can ask the question of staff but would need to respect the right of the individual to choose not to disclose.

If staff refuse vaccination and then have to isolate due to being identified as a close contact what is the expectation regarding pay?

Section 10.9 of the Green Book (Local Government Terms and Conditions) states that staff receive normal pay for those who have to self-isolate, so the expectation would be that this would be paid. You can, where practicable request that the member of staff be given work to do at home.

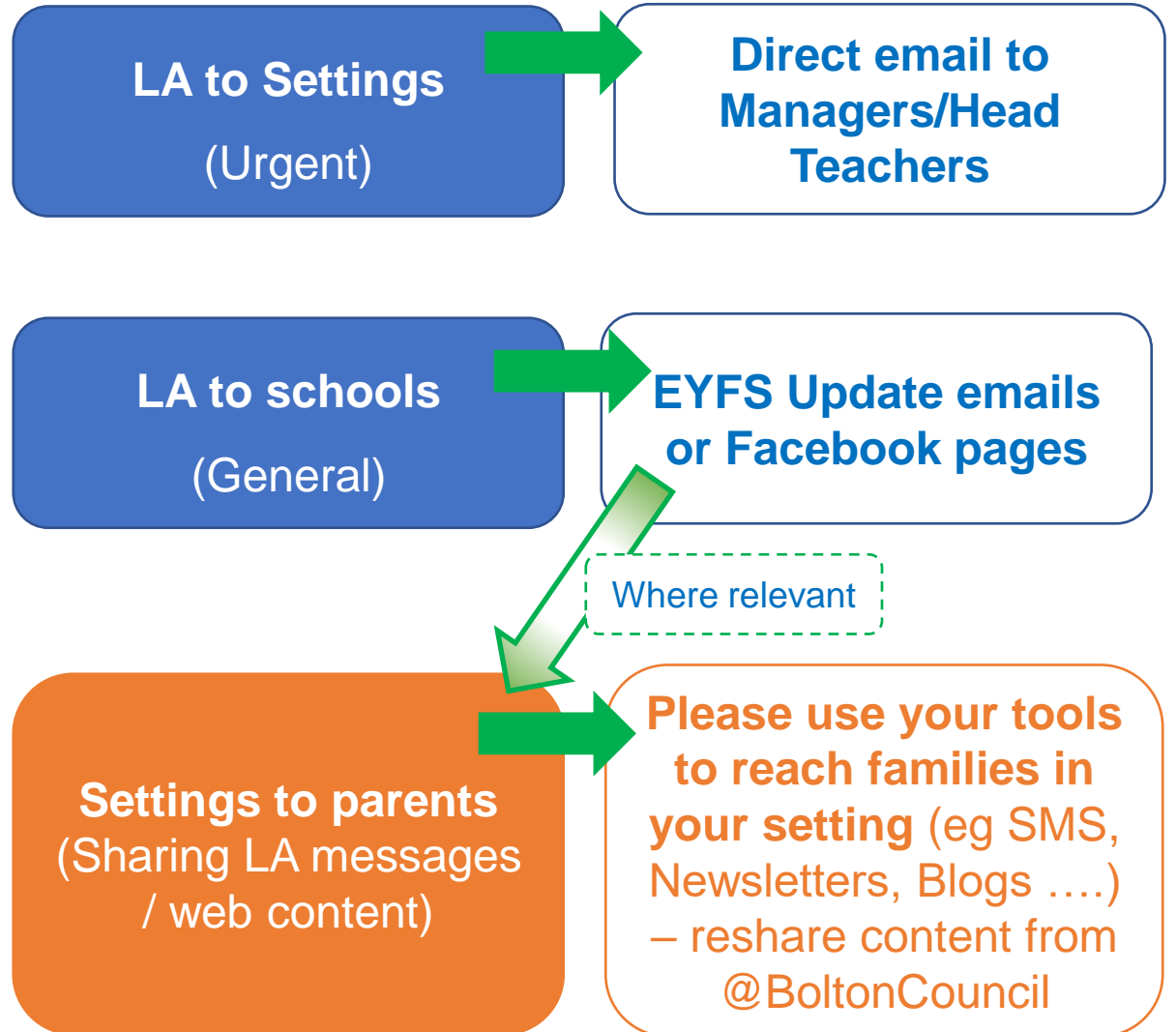
School leaders also need to continue to consider that it is still appropriate to pay those who are self-isolating due to them being in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case therefore they are potentially infectious. This is to ensure that people continue to isolate when necessary, and in doing so help stop the spread of COVID-19 by not attending the workplace.

Should a member of staff who refuses to be vaccinated be given a different role in school?

There is no reason why a member of staff who refuses to be vaccinated should be given a different role in school.

Communications

- Multiagency comms plan for Bolton remains in place (local and national messaging)
- LA will continue to keep education settings informed
- Education providers are an important channel of communication to families – please use your networks to reach families in your school
- EYFS Update - please let us know if you:
 - change your setting email addresses
 - have any starters who need access
 - have any leavers who need access removingPlease email any amendments to startwell@bolton.gov.uk



Updates to guidance ...

- [Managing coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-education-and-childcare-settings)
- 17 August 2021 Updated contingency framework ahead of the autumn term, in line with wider government guidelines. Includes new thresholds at which you might consider seeking public health advice and taking further action to reinforce measures already in place, updates to the circumstances in which local health protection teams or directors of public health might recommend you introduce some additional measures, and annexed guidance for managing cases in settings from 23 August.
- [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)
- 17 August 2021 Updated information about tracing and isolation and travelling to boarding schools.
- [Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)
- 27 August 2021 Updated information on CO2 monitors in the 'Control measures: Keep occupied spaces well ventilated' section.

C02 monitors

- [All schools to receive carbon dioxide monitors - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- The Department for Education (DfE) will be providing all state-funded education settings with carbon dioxide monitors in a bid to identify ventilation requirements.
- Circulating fresh air into indoor spaces is said to be key preventing the spread of Covid-19 indoors.
- The DfE says that “the majority” of the 300,000 monitors will be provided over the autumn term. Special schools and alternative provision will be given priority.
- The monitors are designed to allow staff to act when ventilation is poor and provide reassurance where existing measures are working.

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New EYFS Framework in place

With effect from 1st September, all Early Years Providers in England must follow the new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

The key aims of the reforms are to:

- improve child outcomes at age 5, particularly in early language and literacy, especially for disadvantaged children; and
- reduce workload, such as unnecessary paperwork, so that practitioners can spend more time interacting with children in their care.

The key areas of the reforms are:

- revised educational programmes and early learning goals, including a clear focus on early language development;
- changes to the EYFS profile assessment requirements at the end of reception year including removal of the 'exceeding' criteria and statutory local authority moderation; and

a change in the safeguarding and welfare section of the EYFS, promoting children's oral health and other small changes in that section to bring it up to date.

- [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-statutory-framework)

Documents



[Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage](#)

PDF, 371KB, 53 pages

Details

Changes to the EYFS framework became law in September 2021.

[Help for early years providers and childminders](#) working with 0 to 4 year olds is available.

The EYFS framework:

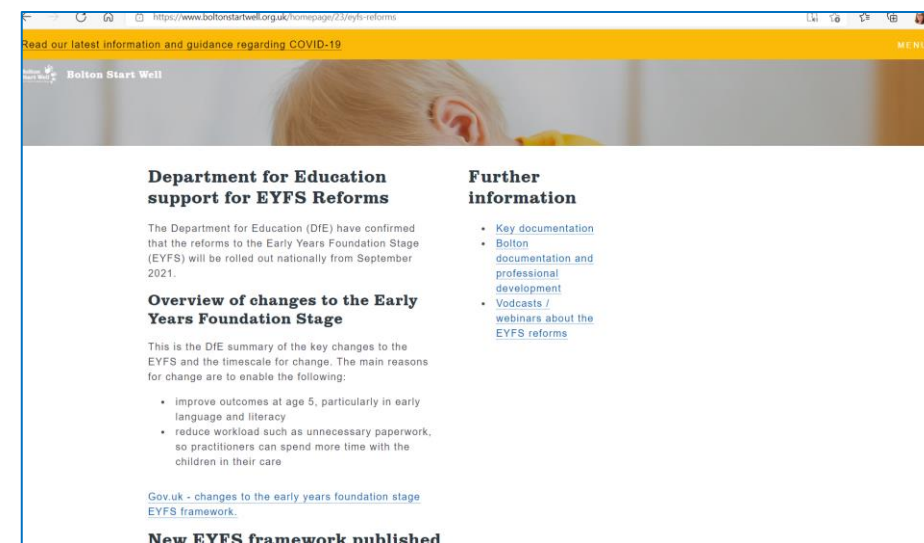
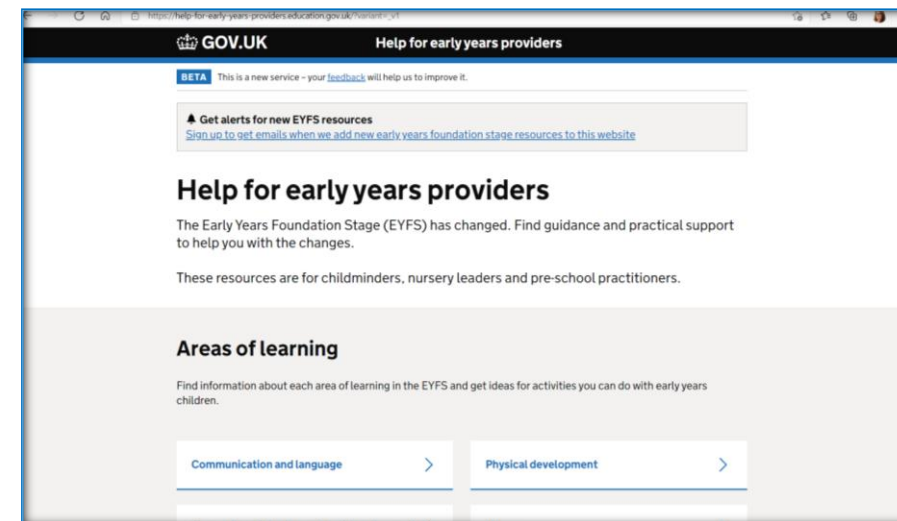
- sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well
- ensures children are kept healthy and safe
- ensures that children have the knowledge and skills they need to start school

Support for New EYFS

- An online resource hub 'Help for early years providers' has been created to support EY practitioners. This is a range of videos and written materials covering all areas of learning along with overarching materials to support effective EYFS implementation.
- The DfE and Ofsted have published vodcasts on the Foundation Years site to support understanding and implementation of the revised EYFS:
<https://foundationyears.org.uk/.../eyfs-reforms-become.../>
- There is also lots of information collated on the **Start Well website**
<https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/homepage/23/eyfs-reforms>

Please get in touch with the Start Well Service if you would like to talk about any aspect of the EYFS reforms and implementing these in your setting.

- **01204338149** startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk



Questions

