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Dear Parent/Carer

Further COVID Restrictions in Bolton

You will have seen or heard in the news that the government has introduced more local restrictions in Bolton due to the continued increased number of residents testing Covid-19 positive. Further information is available on the council website: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/news>

These restrictions do not affect education settings. Schools and Colleges and Early Years Providers will remain open for children and young people in Bolton.

We know that attending school is vital for children and young people as it:

- Helps improve educational attainment
- Supports their wellbeing
- Provides opportunities to be more physically active and interactive with others

The risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (Covid-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school.

The council, alongside its partners, is continuing to provide advice and support to all schools throughout the coronavirus pandemic to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all children, young people, staff, parents and guardians.

Please can you assist to keep all Bolton residents safe;

- follow the government's guidance about social distancing - keeping 2m apart – especially when dropping off and picking up children from school
- wear face coverings
- wash hands regularly
- self-isolate and get a test if you or your child or children have symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who has tested Covid-19 positive:
www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

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Further information to support return to school in the autumn term can be found on the Council's website: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely>

If you have a specific query or require further information about your child's school Covid Safe measures, please visit the school website or contact the school directly.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Only by working together will we reduce the impact of this pandemic on our loved ones, and only then can we return to socialising with family, friends and colleagues in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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