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Dear Parents and Carers

Information from Public Health Salford

Message to residents from Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health

Salford is still one of the highest rates of infection in the country and we need to work hard together to protect vulnerable people in our community.

We are now part of a [country-wide set of rules from 5 November](#) and need to bring rates in the city under control.

We must again ask each other if we are doing all that we can to prevent transmission.

Everywhere you go at work, school or during activity, you must protect yourself and others.

The restrictions clearly ask you to avoid mixing with people that you do not live with.

If you feel unwell, you must stay at home.

This week's figures show that cases are rising, hospital admissions are increasing and sadly there have been deaths involving COVID-19 among our most vulnerable.

In order to turn things around, everybody must do all they can right now to bring down the rate of transmission.

- Do you remember to wash your hands after touching items that other people have touched (like groceries, trolleys, door handles, stairs and lift buttons)?
[Washing your hands](#) or using sanitiser is the most basic way to protect yourself and others.
- Do you always have a face covering ready to wear in public places?
You can wear [a badge or exemption card](#) or even a home-made sign if you cannot wear a face covering for health or other reasons.
- Do you avoid places when they are most likely to be crowded and keep a safe distance from people you do not live with? Don't be offended if you are reminded about your face covering or respecting other people's space.
- Do you know how to get a test if you become unwell with symptoms that could be coronavirus?
- You must stay at home if unwell and [get tested](#) if you think you may have the virus. You must get a test if you become unwell after contact with a positive case. If you are unsure, [please contact the Spirit of Salford](#) if you need advice about testing or self-isolation.

The faster we can bring down the rate of infection, then it is much more likely the restrictions can be lifted after four weeks and we can protect the important things in life; our jobs, education and seeing our loved ones.

Every small change we make can have a huge impact.

Please keep our school as safe as possible and wear a face mask on school grounds.

Updated guidance for parents and carers

The Government have updated guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Outdoor classrooms

I am sure you will have noticed that we have installed two outdoor classrooms – these are to be used to compliment outdoor teaching and learning and also for shelter and as a quiet space at lunch and playtimes. There is one near Miss Lomax’s classroom and another on the junior playground. Once complete, we look forward to introducing them to the children.

An updated risk assessment can be found on the Parent’s COVID-19 page on our school website - <http://www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk/covid-19-parent-updates/>

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Emma Henderson