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Dear Parents and Carers

Inspection from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Bridgewater was randomly selected for a COVID-19 Spot Check and was visited this week by Jane Carrol – HM Inspector of Health and Safety. Our school was highly commended on all our safety procedures and was advised of no remedial actions. This is testament to the work and commitment of our superb staff who ensure that all our Risk Assessment actions are firmly in place and part of our normal routine.

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

Following the restrictions, the rates of transmission in Salford and other areas of Greater Manchester have started to reduce.

We should not be complacent. We are now at a tipping point and even a small outbreak can tip us back into exponential spread.

We should maintain all the infection precautions (Hands, Face, Space) and we should become even more vigilant and stringent in these weeks of lockdown.

Every small change we make can have a huge impact.

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 and [get tested](#) if you become unwell after contact with a positive case (even if you do not have the classic fever, cough or loss of taste or smell).

We are finding people test positive with a range of other symptoms. If you are unsure, [please contact the Spirit of Salford \(0800 952 100\)](#) for advice about testing or self-isolation.

If you test positive, you should let your contacts know straight away without waiting for public health or the national test and trace system to get in touch.

The restrictions clearly ask that we avoid mixing with people from other households and we should reduce our interactions to the minimum.

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.

Stay at home unless for education, work or other essential reasons.

Thank you to everyone wearing a face covering on school premises – you are doing your bit to keep us all safe. We understand some parents/carers are exempt and thank you for presenting your ID cards.

Christmas Celebrations

Unfortunately, we are unable to host the amazing Christmas performances we do each year. But do not fret, we are working on something extra special to share with you to bring that festive cheer. The children will enjoy a number of Christmas activities in their classes/bubbles including an online Pantomime and Christmas crafts; Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day as well as a Christmas Class Party.

Further information and 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