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Parents /Carers of children and young people
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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PARENTS ON LOCAL RESTRICTIONS AND WHAT TO DO IF REQUIRED TO SELF- ISOLATE

We are delighted that pupils returned to Bury schools last month and they have settled well into the routines. All Bury schools completed COVID 19 risk assessments before they opened in September and these were approved by the Council's Health and Safety Team. Schools check their procedures regularly to make sure that they are following the latest government guidance.

A high number of people are testing positive for COVID 19 in Bury. Bury continues to be an area of government intervention for COVID 19. On Friday 25th September, Bury had 193 positive COVID cases per 100,000 people, placing Bury third highest in Greater Manchester and well above the England average positive cases of 57 per 100,000 people. Because of these high numbers, Bury and the rest of Greater Manchester have additional restrictions.

It is important that you follow the latest COVID 19 guidelines from the government. We all need to help each other to stay safe as our school staff continue to work to educate and care for your child/ren during the school day.

COVID 19 guidance

If your child's school has told you that there has been a positive case of COVID 19 in school and that your child is a close contact of that person, then your child must **self-isolate for 14 days**. If your child has any of the COVID 19 symptoms, you should take them for a test and tell the school what the test result is.

If you or anyone else who lives in your house has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, you must **self-isolate**.

If you are **self-isolating**:

- You must not go outside your house.
- You must not go to work or school or go outside for exercise.
- You must not meet other people who do not live in your house.
- Do not take your child to school. Ask a relative or friend to take the child instead of you, if your child is well.
- Do not go to the shops. Buy shopping online or ask someone to do your shopping for you and leave it outside your door.

If someone else is taking your child to school and bringing the child home from school, you must tell the school who this person is.

COVID 19 test

If your child, or anyone who lives in your house, tests positive for COVID 19, then you must follow the **guidance for household self-isolating**.

- Everyone who lives in your house must stay at home for 14 days.
- No one must go to school or work.
- No one must go out for shopping or for exercise.

Additional restrictions in Bury and the rest of Greater Manchester

Everywhere in England, you must follow the rule of six. This means that if you meet people who do not live in your house, you must not meet in a group of more than six people at any time. When you meet other people, you must stay 2 metres away from them.

Because of the high number of people testing positive for COVID 19 in Bury and the rest of Greater Manchester, the government has put in place **additional restrictions**.

Additional restrictions mean:

- People who do not live in your house must not come into your house or garden, unless they are in your support or child-care bubble.
- You must not go into another person's house or garden, unless they are in your support or child-care bubble.
- You must not socialise in pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops, places of worship, community centres, leisure and entertainment venues, or visitor attractions and parks with people who do not live in your house, unless they are in your support bubble.

Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/greater-manchester-local-restrictions> . Please check the guidance regularly as it might change.

Over 2000 Bury pupils are not in school this week because they have been identified as close contacts for someone in the school who has tested positive for COVID 19. If pupils are self-isolating, their school will continue to support these pupils by putting work on the school website or learning platform or by sending work home.

This is a difficult time for us all. Please continue to help our schools so that they can keep children safe and give them the highest quality of education possible within current constraints.

If we work together on this, education in our schools will return to normal in time.

Yours sincerely

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