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Week 5 Autumn Term

Dear Parents /Carers,

**Superstars of the Week – This Week's Seven Wonders Awards go to:**

**Meadow-Rose (Reception), Oliver K (Y1), Emily M (Y2), Isobel B (Y3), Aimee-Rose (Y4), Ava S (Y5) and Ava M (Y6) - we are so very, very proud!**

**Well done to Reception Class and Y5/6 who both had 100% attendance this week – a fantastic achievement in these current circumstances! Enjoy your**



**extra playtime or other chosen treat!**

**We are so very proud: Riley W in Y3** achieved his 50 metres swimming badge last week, he is super pleased with himself and so are we! We could not be more proud!

**Donation of a Piano:** School would like to gratefully thank one of our school families who have donated a long-loved family piano for school to use. This is a precious item for this particular family and we intend to use it to support the continued love of music and performance which is a cornerstone of our provision at Rivington. Many heartfelt thanks.

**Parents Evening:** Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to host our normal 'Parents' Evening'. At Rivington we pride ourselves in our communications with parents. This term class teachers will be sharing their parent evening comments via Zoom. We will be holding a virtual parents evening spread over a four-day period: **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November (Y5/6 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**. This will replace our normal parents' evening, which we have had to adapt due to social distancing restrictions. We are excited to be able to connect with you virtually and share in your child's learning journey.

Before booking, please make sure you have read and understood the ['parent disclaimer'](#) and the ['joining instructions'](#) for Zoom.

**ONLINE BOOKING OPENS: 12pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**ONLINE BOOKING CLOSES: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.**

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If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the school office who will assist you.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will need to repeat the booking process for each child, if you have a child in more than one year or more than one child in a single year.
- You need to be quick, appointments as ever are booked on a first come, first served basis.
- If you need to Zoom with more than one teacher, please do not book appointments back to back.
- **If you are no longer able to attend your appointment, please contact Mrs. Townsend in the office who will cancel the booking and make the appointment available for someone else.**

The teachers and I look forward to sharing your child/rens progress with you.

**Local Area Covid-19 Updates:** Attached to this newsletter we have outlined a reminder of the current guidance for Lancashire and Greater Manchester as this can sometimes be confusing. We have also sent out the latest PHE Lancashire Schools Covid-19 guide 2.8 and a slightly more detailed idea of what 'contacts' are for the different year groups. At school, we are working hard to keep classes 'bubbles' separate so that in the event of a likely positive case there will be minimal distribution if bubbles are requested to isolate.

It is important that everyone plays their part. We ask that outside school, households do not mix as this will have a knock on effect.

The staggered morning drop off continues to allow us to ensure a safe start to the school day (Please can Y5/6 and EYFS take notice of their new arrangements for drop-off – sent out in a separate e-mail).

Throughout the school day we continue to have staggered break times. All children remain in their class bubbles. At the end of the school day we are continuing with the staggered pick up's of 3.05pm and 3.15pm. This practice is to ensure safe social distancing when waiting to collect your children.

We will continue to monitor the volume of people in the playground at any one time. It is important to ensure that we remain compliant with national government guidelines. The challenges we are facing as a school and a community are

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nationwide challenges and I thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and flexibility as we manage this period of transition.

**Lancashire Family/Adult Learning** Now the autumn term is well under way we thought we'd share some of Lancashire's FREE wider family learning courses for families. These are all online; take place after school and all families need to take part is a tablet or laptop and internet connection. Parents can enrol directly via the links below.

Some of the courses they have running this half term are:

Family Yoga: Thurs 8th Oct 3:30pm

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=9451](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=9451)

Science Spectacular: Tues 13th Oct 4pm

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=7948](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=7948)

Let's Engineer: Tues 20th Oct 4pm

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=7944](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=7944)

Family Yoga: Thurs 22nd Oct 3:30pm

[https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U\\_PublicCourseDetails?uio\\_id=9452](https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=9452)

**Harvest Celebration** – Unfortunately, we are unable to celebrate Harvest in the usual way this year but we will be celebrating virtually with the children in school. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought to school by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** to support Living Waters Food Bank and Urban Outreach. The LW Storehouse has recently posted:

*'Our stocks are depleting fast... please can you help? We need:*

- Cereal
- Tinned spaghetti
- Rice pudding/custard
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Shower gel/shampoo
- Fray Bents Pies
- Corned Beef
- Curry Sauce
- Toilet Roll
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Tinned Ham
- Salmon
- Hot Dogs

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- *Tinned Potatoes*
- *Tinned Carrots/Sweet Corn*
- *Coffee.*
- *Tinned Meat*
- *Biscuits*
- *Super Noodles*

**Reporting an Illness** - If your child is poorly please contact the school to let us know as soon as possible and keep us updated. It is important that when leaving a message that all parents/carers please inform us of the reason/symptoms for the absence. If a Parent/Carer is reporting a positive test result can you, please speak to the office rather than leave a message. This week we have sent all parents/carers a useful 'COVID-19 Quick Guide' and key question responses to help if you may suspect your child has COVID-19 symptoms and what action to take. We are very appreciative for all our families taking these necessary precautions and helping to continue to keep our children, our staff and our families safe and well. Thank you.

**Play Times** - Now Autumn has arrived, the temperatures are dropping and rain is forecast. Our aim is that children spend their play times outside as much as is possible. With this in mind please can all children have a waterproof winter coat in school every day. Many thanks.

**Nasal Flu Vaccinations** – Children in all year groups will be entitled to a flu vaccination in school on Wednesday 25th November. Consent forms will be sent out to all pupils nearer the time.

**Online Safety and Kindness** – Last week National Online Safety produced a free online safety guide providing parents and carers with advice and useful tips on Amazon Alexa.

**World Mental Health Day 2020** is the most important one yet. This year has been a tough one for us all. The months of lockdown and loss have had a huge impact on our mental health. According to research, we know that more than half of adults (60%) and over two thirds of young people (68%) said their mental health got worse

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during lockdown. We know that many have developed new mental health problems because of the pandemic and, for some of us, existing mental health problems have

This World Mental Health Day we're supporting Mind's

**Do one thing**

campaign

10 October

To get started visit [mind.org.uk/WMHD](http://mind.org.uk/WMHD)

We're supporting **mind** for better mental health

The banner is yellow with a white box containing the text 'Do one thing' and 'campaign'. Below this is a dark blue box with '10 October'. At the bottom left is the EFL logo with 'OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER' and the Mind logo. At the bottom right is the Mind logo with the tagline 'We're supporting mind for better mental health'.

gotten worse.

Do one thing today - whether it is going for a walk, learning a new skill or doing something creative. Taking the first steps to getting support for yourself, or reaching out to someone else - take the opportunity to do one thing this World Mental Health Day and download Mind's resources to help you get started. Download Mind's [calendar](#) with ideas for different things you can do each day for better mental health.

**Open Day** – At this time of year, we usually invite prospective parents into school to view school for admissions for the next academic year. Unfortunately, we are not able to run the open days as we normally would, but we obviously still want to give prospective parents as much information about our school as we possibly can. We have created a couple of promotional films – one of which is now live on the school website: [Rivington Website](#)

There is also lots of information on our Twitter page and in our weekly newsletters, all of which can also be accessed via our school website.

**Zoom welcomes for prospective parents are available on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> November from 5:00-6:00pm. Please contact the school office in order to access these.**

**Online Safety** - Last week, National Online Safety produced a free online safety guide providing parents and carers with advice and useful tips on Amazon Alexa. This information will be sent out alongside this newsletter.

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**Celebration Worship** – As we are unable to invite parents into school for Celebration Worship on Friday mornings, we have planned other ways to celebrate the children's achievements. We will be holding a Zoom Worship in school for the children so the classes can listen to and celebrate each other. We are also able to invite Parents to join us on Zoom. Achievement Stickers, Certificates and Reading Awards will be handed out in class and teachers will Tweet a photograph of all the children who have received an award. For achievements 'out of school', we are asking parents to send in a photograph of their children holding their award and brief information about the award. We will share these pictures with the children in school on Friday mornings and post them on newsletter each week. Please ensure photographs are sent via email to [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) no later than 12pm each Wednesday.

**Parking** – The road outside school is obviously very busy at the start and end of the day. Please can parents/ carers show patience and consideration towards each other and the general public. In the interest of the safety of the children and all pedestrians, in no circumstances should anyone park on the zig zag lines or the pavement. Please show consideration for local residents when dropping off and picking up children. Thank you to those parents who show this consideration and park a short distance away and walk to school from there. This also ensures the safety of all our children which is obviously the primary concern for everyone. Thank you.

**Reminder** - Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

**School Admissions Primary and Secondary applications** can be made on line and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child. If you are applying to a church school, there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2020**

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## **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - The closing date for Primary School**

**Admissions is 15th January 2021.** For information about our admissions criteria, please visit the school website.

**St Michael's Church of England High School Virtual Open Day** is this Thursday 8th October 2020. This virtual open day returns from 9.15am to 12.15pm and includes a series of presentations and an opportunity to contact us for any further queries. From 3.45pm—5.30pm there will be an additional opportunity for live Q and A sessions with pupils who will happily talk to you about their school via Zoom. Details will be available on the day at

<https://www.saint-michaels.com/>

**Thank you Useful Information** - Please see below a link from our school nursing team to a resource developed by the Anna Freud Centre which you may find useful for your children who may be experiencing anxiety.

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11459/7waysanxiety.pdf>

Many thanks for your continued support,

*The Rivington Team*

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## Coronavirus restrictions in Lancashire

- Residents must not socialise with other people outside of their household or protective support bubble in private homes or gardens.
- Hospitality for food and drink must operate table service only. Leisure and entertainment venues, including restaurants, pubs and cinemas, must close between 10pm and 5am.
- Only use public transport for essential journeys – such as travelling to school or work. A face covering must be worn on public transport unless you are exempt.
- Residents can only visit indoor locations such as restaurants and pubs places with other members of their household or support bubble.

These measures will help to address the significant rise in coronavirus cases in the region in recent weeks. There is an increased risk of transmission the more people who gather together. Our data shows an increased rate of transmission in homes, hospitality venues and through grassroot sports.

We are doing everything we can to protect our most vulnerable, keep businesses open and children in school, which these measures will help with.

How it long will last?

The measures have started and will be monitored closely and reviewed on a weekly basis. The next steps will depend on the impact the measures have.

Who is allowed into homes?

You must not meet people who you do not live with or are part of a protective support bubble inside your home.

However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule listed below:

- To provide emergency assistance
- To attend a birth at the mother's request
- To visit a person who is dying
- To fulfil a legal obligation
- For work, volunteering or charitable purposes
- For education or training purposes
- For the purposes of childcare provided by a registered provider
- To provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person



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- To facilitate a house move (this includes viewing a property)

To continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children where the children do not live in the same household as one or more of their parents.

Travelling for work or schools

People can travel in or out of Lancashire for work and education purposes. Workplaces and schools should be implementing COVID-secure measures.

## **Childcare**

You can continue to use early years and childcare settings, including childminders and providers offering before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings for children. You can also continue to employ nannies, including those living outside of the region.

Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

Visiting someone's house in an area not subject to restrictions

You must not visit anyone's home either within or out of the restricted area except for your support bubble or for the excepted reasons listed above.

## **Why can I visit the pub but not my relative's house?**

This is because the hospitality industry has enhanced measures, such as risk assessments and test and trace, which private homes don't have.

## **Hospitality venues**

Hospitality venues must close between 10pm and 5am. During open hours businesses must operate table service only including ordering food and drinks. Between 10pm and 5am hot food takeaways can only operate a delivery service.

## **Gym, gym classes or swimming pools**

You can visit gyms, gym classes or swimming pools, as long as these venues have the required Covid-secure risk assessments and guidelines in place.

## **Specific information for your area from GOV.uk**

Meeting people outside of your household or support bubble in public outdoor spaces:

The Government advice is to avoid mixing with any additional household in any location to further decrease the risk of spreading the virus.

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## **Changes to playing sports**

Unless formally organised by a sports club or similar organisation, with guidance issued by a sports governing body, team sports should not take place at an indoor or outdoor venue with people who you don't live with.

You should not spectate at amateur and semi-professional sports events.

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## Coronavirus restrictions in Greater Manchester:

An outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified in parts of Greater Manchester. The government and relevant local authorities are acting together to control the spread of the virus.

- **Affected local areas**
- City of Manchester
- Trafford
- Bury
- Tameside
- Rochdale
- Salford
- Oldham
- Stockport
- Wigan
- Bolton (Metropolitan Borough Council) (since 3 October)

### **Business and venue closures and restrictions**

The following businesses and venues must remain closed nationally, including in the affected areas:

- nightclubs, dance halls and discotheques

### **Early business closures**

Across England, the following businesses and venues must close from 10pm to 5am each day except to deliver food or drinks or provide drive-through services. Take-away is not permitted during this time period.

- cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes, including those located inside other premises (workplace canteens are not included if there is no practical alternative for staff at that workplace)
- bowling alleys
- amusement arcades or other indoor leisure centres or facilities (this does not include gyms and fitness studios)
- funfairs (indoors or outdoors), theme parks and adventure parks and activities
- bingo halls
- casinos
- cinemas
- theatres
- concert halls

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Cinemas, theatres or concert halls can stay open beyond 10pm to conclude a performance that has begun before 10pm, but they must close once the performance has concluded.

## **Business restrictions**

Hospitality venues must take reasonable steps to ensure:

- customers only consume food and drink while seated in the premises
- that if the business serves alcohol for consumption on the premises, orders are only taken from customers who are seated
- bookings are not accepted, or customers admitted onto the premises if groups include more than 6 people or only include one household if the group is larger than 6
- customers do not join in groups of more than 6 people or multiple households where a single household group is greater than 6 inside the premises (including outdoor areas such as beer gardens)
- tables are appropriately spaced to enable social distancing

Take-away orders can continue to be made at a counter or bar (as can orders inside venues that do not sell alcohol).

Hospitality venues subject to these restrictions include:

- Restaurants, including restaurants and dining rooms in hotels or members' clubs.
- bars, including bars in hotels or members' clubs
- public houses
- social clubs
- casinos
- cafes and workplace canteens (other than specific exemptions, such as canteens in a hospital, care home, school, military establishments, or homeless shelters)

Across England, unless you have an exemption, you must wear a face covering in a range of indoor premises. This now includes hospitality venues (bars, pubs, restaurants, cafes), except when eating or drinking.

Local authorities or the police can take action against businesses and venues who commit such offences.

Businesses can be fined by local authorities or the police if they fail to fulfill the obligations placed on them in law. This includes ensuring that people do not meet in their premises with people outside of their household or support bubble, ensuring that tables are appropriately spaced, that loud music isn't played, and that customers do not sing in non-household groups of more than 6, or dance.

Fines will be issued:

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- £1,000 for the first offence
- £2,000 for the second offence,
- £4,000 for the third offence
- £10,000 for the fourth and all subsequent offences.

## Social contact restrictions

If you live in one of the affected areas, in order to help prevent the spread of coronavirus you must not:

- host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support or childcare bubble
- meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside the affected local areas, unless they're in your support or childcare bubble

Your household is defined as the people you live with and any support or childcare bubble. A [support bubble](#) is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households within a bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together.

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household can provide informal (meaning unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. This must occur on an exclusive basis - always the same two households.

The police will be able to take action against those that break these rules, including asking people to disperse and issuing fixed penalty notices starting at £200 for those who participate in illegal gatherings.

People aged over 18 or over can be fined:

- £200 for the first offence, lowered to £100 if paid within 14 days.
- £400 for the second offence, then doubling for each further offence, up to a maximum of £6,400

The government has also introduced fines for those who hold illegal gatherings of over 30 people. Holding or being involved in the holding of an illegal gathering of more than 30 people is an offence, and police may issue fines of £10,000 to those who break the law.

People can still come inside your home or garden for specific purposes set out in [law](#):

- where everyone in the gathering lives together or is in the same support bubble
- to attend a birth at the mother's request
- to visit a person who is dying
- to fulfil a legal obligation
- for work purposes (see guidance on [working safely in other people's homes](#) or for the provision of voluntary or charitable services)
- for the purposes of education or training
- for the purposes of childcare provided by a registered provider and informal childcare as part of a childcare bubble

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- to provide emergency assistance
- to enable one or more persons in the gathering to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm
- to facilitate a house move
- to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- to continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children where the children do not live in the same household as their parents, or one of their parents.

In line with the national restrictions, when meeting friends and family you do not live with (or have formed a support bubble with) you must not meet in a group of more than 6 (in settings other than private homes and gardens, where the limit is a single household, including support bubbles).

Further detail can be found in the guidance for [meeting others safely](#), including associated exemptions.

In the affected local areas, we also advise that you should not:

- meet with people you do not live with, unless they're in your support bubble, in any public venue. Examples of public venues include pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes places of worship, community centres, leisure and entertainment venues, or visitor attractions and parks. This also includes outdoor areas of these venues (such as a beer garden) and areas directly outside them, such as the pavement or road. Further examples include shops, places of worship, community centres, leisure and entertainment venues, or visitor attractions and parks. This applies to visiting venues inside and outside of the affected areas
- visit friends or family in care homes, other than in exceptional circumstances. Care homes should restrict visits to these circumstances

## **Travel restrictions**

You should follow all relevant [transport guidance](#) when making a journey into, within or out of the affected areas.

You must [wear a face covering](#) on public transport, taxis and private hire vehicles (PHVs) and in substantially enclosed areas of transport hubs in England ([as well as other indoor premises](#)).

You will be breaking the law if you fail to do so and could be fined. Some people [do not have to wear a face covering](#) including for age, health, or disability reasons.

You should try not to share a car with those outside your household or support bubble. If you need to, try to:

- share the car with the same people each time
- keep to small groups of people at any one time
- open windows for ventilation

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- travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
- face away from each other
- consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
- clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products – make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- ask the driver and passengers to [wear a face covering](#)

## [See more guidance on car sharing and travelling with people outside your household group.](#)

In the affected local area in Oldham, we advise that you should only use public transport for essential reasons. We encourage you to walk or cycle where possible and to plan your journey in advance, avoiding busy times and routes if possible. Examples of essential reasons include:

- to get to and from work
- to get essential food or medical supplies including click and collect services
- to support someone who is vulnerable, if no one else can do so
- to travel to and from the homes of others in your support bubble
- to attend an early years setting, school or college, or to accompany a child who is attending an early years setting, school or college, where necessary
- to fulfil legal obligations
- to seek medical care, or avoid illness, injury or harm

You can travel outside your area. However, you must not meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of your area, unless they're in your support bubble.

You can still go on holiday outside of your area, but you should only do this with people you live with (or have formed a support bubble with).

There is [separate guidance](#) on what to do if you have booked holiday accommodation in an area with local restrictions.

### **Shielding**

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable, we are not currently advising that you need to shield, however it is important that you continue to take precautions. Find out more from the [general guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable people](#).

### **Team sport and physical activity**

You can continue to take part in organised sporting or licensed physical activity in groups of more than 6 outdoors and up to 6 people indoors (for over 18s). There is an exemption for indoor sports if it is organised for the purposes of someone who has a disability taking part and for children's activities.

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These activities either need to be organised by a national governing body, club, registered instructor/coach, business or charity, and/or involve someone who has received an official licence to use equipment relevant to the activity. In all cases, the organiser must conduct a risk assessment and ensure compliance with COVID-19 secure guidance.

You should only be playing team sports where the relevant governing body has published guidance on how to do so safely. See a [list of team sports governing bodies which have developed guidance](#). For all other sports, guidance is available from your governing body and details on how to safely undertake this activity within an organised environment.

Organised dance and exercise classes can take place in groups of more than 6, where a risk assessment has been carried out, but you must not mix with more than five other participants. The relevant [indoor sport facilities guidance](#) or [outdoor guidance](#) must be followed for these activities. Organised sport and physical activity events are allowed provided they follow [guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England](#).

## **Weddings and funerals**

In line with the rules across the whole of England, you must not meet in a group of more than 6 people in any location. Weddings, civil partnership ceremonies and receptions, funerals (including ceremonies at crematoria) are exempt.

In all affected areas the following applies:

- weddings and civil partnership ceremonies are limited to 15 people
- wedding receptions and celebrations can continue for up to 15 people in the form of a sit-down meal and in a COVID-secure setting
- funerals (including ceremonies at crematoria) are limited to 30 people, unless you live within Oldham, where we advise funerals should be limited to 20
- all other religious or belief-based standalone life cycle ceremonies or celebrations are limited to 6 people

Anyone working at these ceremonies or events is not included as part of each of the person limits.

These events should comply with the COVID-19 secure guidance and venue capacity. See detailed guidance for [small marriages and civil partnerships](#).

People living outside of the affected areas can travel to those areas in order to attend a wedding, civil partnership ceremony or funeral, but must not meet with another household in a private home or garden.

## **Religious ceremonies and places of worship**

You may attend a mosque, church, synagogue, temple or other place of worship for a service, but you should socially distance from people outside of your household. This means



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maintaining a distance of 2 metres, or 1 metre with mitigations (such as wearing face coverings).

## Going to work

People living inside and outside of the affected areas can continue to travel in and out for work. However, to help contain the virus, office workers who can work effectively from home should do so over the winter. Where an employer, in consultation with their employee, judges an employee can carry out their normal duties from home they should do so. Public sector employees working in essential services, including education settings, should continue to go into work where necessary. Anyone else who cannot work from home should go to their place of work. The risk of transmission can be substantially reduced if COVID-19 secure guidelines are followed closely. Extra consideration should be given to those people at higher risk.

## Financial support – furlough and self-isolation

Please see guidance on the [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) and [New Style Employment and Support Allowance](#)

## Childcare

You can continue to use [early years and childcare settings](#), including childminders and providers offering [before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings](#) for children. You can also continue to employ nannies – see guidance on [working safely in other people's homes](#).

The following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

- registered childcare providers, including nannies
- people who are in your support bubble
- people who are in your childcare support bubble
- Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare.
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A support bubble is where a lone adult household with one adult joins with another household (on an exclusive basis).

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household can provide informal (meaning unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. This must occur on an exclusive basis – always the same 2 households.

We recommend that you form a support bubble or childcare support bubble with a household that lives locally wherever possible. This will help to prevent the virus spreading from an area where there might be a higher rate of infection.

Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

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## **Testing (for schools and further education colleagues)**

The local authority for Oldham will be undertaking enhanced testing for schools and further education colleges across areas with a high prevalence of COVID-19.

## **Schools and colleges (face coverings)**

In education settings where pupils and students in year 7 and above are educated, [face coverings](#) should be worn by staff, visitors and pupils/students when moving around in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

It is not necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower and they may inhibit teaching and learning.

## **Universities and higher education**

You can move home and travel in order to attend or work at a university or higher educational establishment. This applies to the whole country, including the areas affected in this guidance.

You should follow all relevant university and higher educational guidance if you attend, work at or manage higher education establishments, including universities and associated accommodation. The guidance also covers what to do in the event of an outbreak at these establishments. It is important to understand how to minimise risk during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and ensure that the experience of attending or working at these establishments is enjoyable and as safe as possible.

We recognise the pressure of attending or working at these establishments during these uncertain times. There are support services within your university or higher education establishment to help you should you need advice or support. In addition, we have worked with the Office for Students to provide the Student Space platform, which seeks to bridge gaps in mental support for students arising from this unprecedented situation. It provides a range of information, access to dedicated support services, details of the support available at each university, and tools to help students manage the challenges of their student life.

Students are expected to follow the latest guidance on social contact and meeting with others safely in their local area whilst attending university, and should not leave their university accommodation to go home in the event of an outbreak or restrictions being applied in a local area.

As of Monday 14 September, when meeting friends and family you do not live with (or have formed a support bubble with) you must not meet in a group of more than 6. Further detail can be found in the guidance for meeting others safely, including certain exemptions that may apply.

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If you live in the affected local areas, you must not meet or host people you do not live with in private homes or gardens unless they are in your support bubble, please see below to understand how this may affect you.

You are living or plan to live in student halls or official accommodation in one of the affected areas:

- you must not meet people in a group of more than 6
- you must not meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of the affected areas, unless they're in your support bubble
- you should not host people you do not live with in your student halls, unless they're in your support bubble
- you should not meet people you do not live with in their student halls, whether inside or outside of the affected areas unless they're in your support bubble

To note - if you plan to live in an affected area, restrictions on hosting people you do not live with only apply to you once you move to said area. However, even before you do so, you should not meet with people you don't live with in an affected area.

You are living or plan to live in private rented accommodation in one of the affected areas:

- you must not meet people in a group of more than 6
- you must not host people you do not live with in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble
- you must not meet people you do not live with in their home or garden, whether inside or outside of the affected areas, unless they're in your support bubble
- you should not meet people you do not live with in their student halls, whether inside or outside of the affected areas unless they're in your support bubble

You relocate or currently live in an area outside of one of the affected areas:

- you must not meet people in a group of more than 6
- you must not host people you do not live with in your home or garden, if they live in one of the affected areas, unless they're in your support bubble
- you should not host people you do not live with in your student halls, if they live in an affected area, unless they're in your support bubble.

You commute into an affected area to attend or work at a university:

- you must not meet people in a group of more than 6
- you must not meet people you do not live with in their home or garden inside one of the affected areas, unless they're in your support bubble
- you must not host people you do not live with in your home or garden, if they live in one of the affected areas, unless they're in your support bubble
- you should not meet people you do not live with in their student halls, whether inside or outside of one of the affected areas unless they're in your support bubble.

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Please see the social contact restriction section of this guidance to understand the specific purposes people can enter your home or garden and broader guidance on exemptions to the rule of six outside of people's homes and gardens.

This means certain activities, like organised outdoor sports can still proceed, as can specified support groups (up to 15) and other specified activities.

## **Moving home**

People can move home. Estate and letting agents, and removals firms can continue to work and people looking to move home can continue to undertake viewings.

Please see the full guidance on moving home safely, including advice on social distancing and wearing a face covering.