



Department for Children, Adults and Health

Ref: Help us keep Bradley Stoke safe from Covid-19

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Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to you as a parent or carer of a child at school or early years setting in Bradley Stoke. There has been an increase in the number of new cases of Covid-19 in your area, particularly among school-age children, which has led to a high number of staff and children having to self-isolate and some schools moving to their remote learning offer for the remainder of term.

As you know, we are approaching the Christmas period when the Government have stated there will be a relaxation of the current restrictions on household mixing. Given the higher rates of infection in your local area, it is particularly important that you and your family follow the guidance and help keep Bradley Stoke safe. This will not only prevent further infections in our area, but also elsewhere, especially as restrictions are relaxed between 23 and 27 December. As a reminder, we have set out the key guidance below.

Self-isolating

- If your child has one or more of the three Covid-19 symptoms, they must get tested and the whole household must isolate until the result is back.
- If your child's result is positive, they must stay at home for 10 days. All other members of your household or support bubble must also self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive case, they must stay at home and isolate for 10 days.
- If anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19 - a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell - they must book a test and you must all isolate until the result comes back.

Testing

If your child or anyone else in your household has **symptoms**, book them a test via nhs.uk or call 119. Testing sites will continue to be open over the Christmas period.

Limit social contact

Even if you are not isolating, it is still very important that you limit your contact with people outside of your household or support bubble. With a high number of new cases in your area, the best way to reduce the spread of infection is to stay home as much as possible, only go out for work if you can't work from home or for essential shopping and do not meet with anyone indoors who is not in your household or support bubble.

Christmas and New Year

Over the Christmas period, we are urging people to act responsibly and keep social contact to a minimum. Out of concern for their loved ones and preventing a third lockdown, most people are scaling back plans for Christmas. We want to say a big thank you for making these sacrifices.

Please think carefully when making your plans for Christmas and in particular, consider the risks to anyone elderly or vulnerable.

New Year's Eve, when the standard tier restrictions will still apply, will also be different this year and we would urge you and your families, including any young people in your household, to make sensible choices to help keep everyone safe.

Full details of the rules over Christmas are available at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

A priority for us is the wellbeing and education of your children and we want to ensure your child's school or early years setting can reopen fully in January so that all school age children can return to classroom learning.

It is essential that all of us behave responsibly to reduce the impact of Covid-19 on the health of those in our community and reduce the pressure on our NHS.

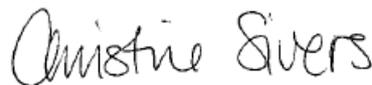
Always remember Hands, Face, Space – our individual actions can protect the vulnerable in our families and communities.

Thank you for helping to keep Bradley Stoke safe.

Yours sincerely,



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