

Early Years Webinar

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Public Health Update

Where we are now?

1. Rates continue to be very fragile; high in working age group
2. The new variant spreads more easily, and is now the dominant strain in PCR positive cases
3. Ability to stay at home varies & is more difficult for those in more deprived areas, low wage or insecure jobs
4. Non-compliance with measures is a risk to control of spread. Particular concerns about failure to isolate if test positive
5. Vaccination programme initially focuses on preventing deaths and, protecting the health & social care system
6. Treatments for seriously ill people have improved but COVID is still much more deadly than flu

What we need to do?

1. Reduce the number of contacts between people
2. 'Act like you have it' even after vaccination or testing
3. Achieving high uptake of vaccination is crucial
4. Hands - Face - Space - Ventilate

Current alert level in Bolton: NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Estimated R number for the North West:

0.8-1.1 with a daily infection growth rate of -4% to 1% as of 29th January 2021

Cases

People tested positive in Bolton

Latest data provided on 2nd February 2021, for the 7 day period to 28th January 2021

Average number per day (last 7 days) 113

Rate per 100k, all ages: **274.4** (↓ on previous 7 days)

Rate per 100k, age 60+: **222.8** (↓ on previous 7 days)

Total to date 21,782

Deaths

Deaths with COVID19

Latest data provided on 26th January 2021, for week commencing 15th January 2021

Weekly **25**

Total to date 608

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Testing

Tests carried out in Bolton

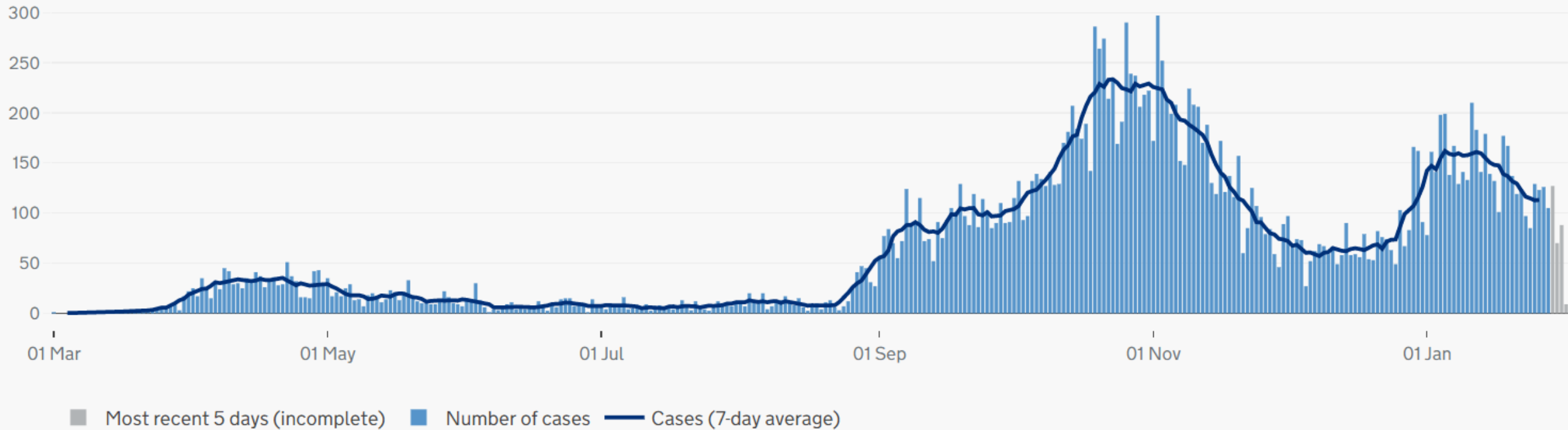
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Number PCR tests last 7 days 7,315

PCR Positivity 11.9% (↓)

Bolton cases by specimen date

As announced on 2nd February 2021 at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=Itla&areaName=Bolton>



Bolton cases by age – heatmap

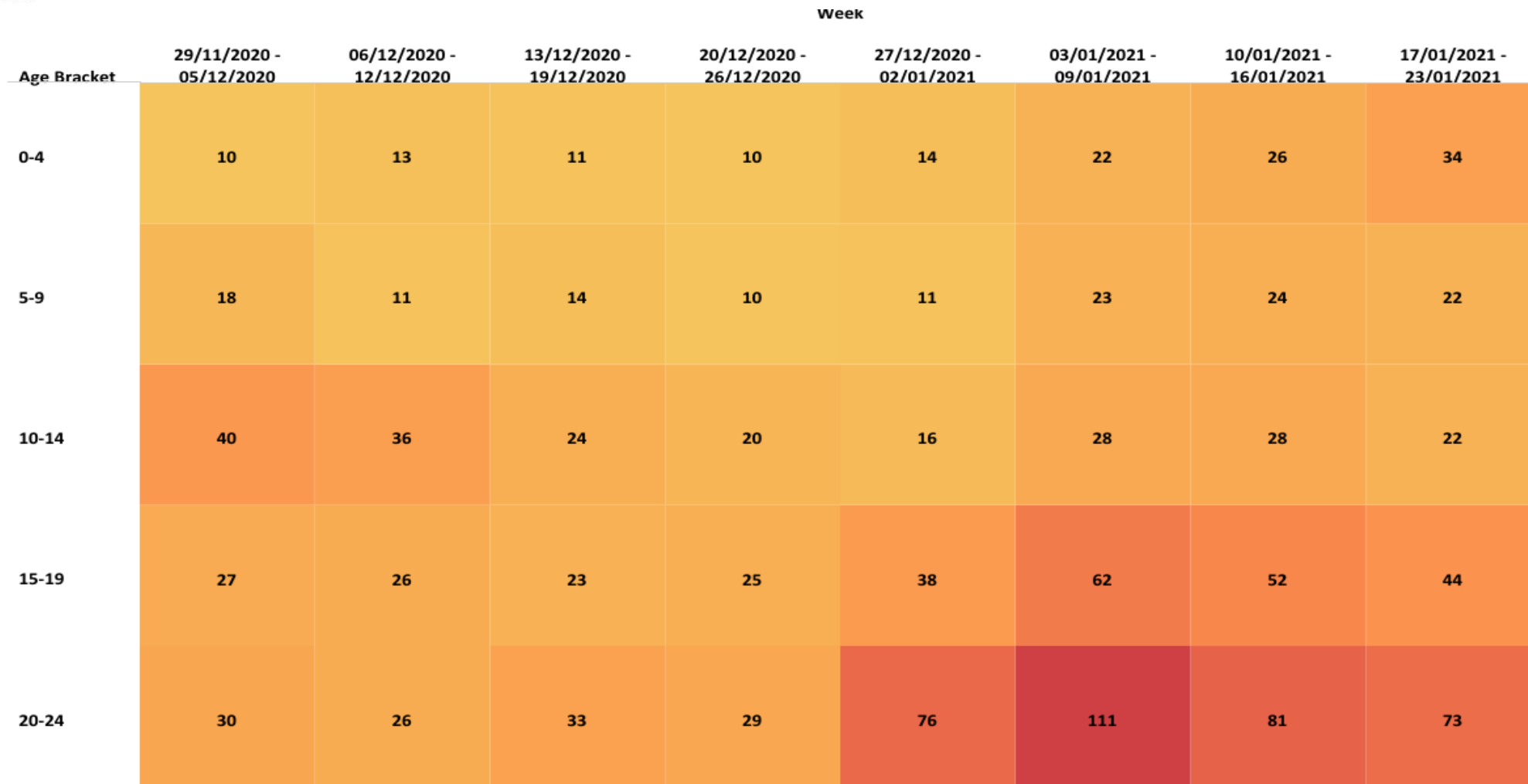
(As at 31st January 2021)

Number of new weekly COVID-19 cases by age for Bolton

Age Bracket	29/11/2020 - 05/12/2020	06/12/2020 - 12/12/2020	13/12/2020 - 19/12/2020	20/12/2020 - 26/12/2020	27/12/2020 - 02/01/2021	03/01/2021 - 09/01/2021	10/01/2021 - 16/01/2021	17/01/2021 - 23/01/2021
0-15	73	72	55	45	46	81	82	81
16-24	52	40	50	49	109	165	129	114
25-34	83	63	79	95	140	223	208	185
35-44	73	71	66	83	147	169	205	159
45-54	63	67	76	84	160	178	211	162
55-64	57	39	51	60	113	129	146	124
65-74	22	29	35	46	45	66	48	49
75-84	34	22	27	21	29	42	44	26
85+	14	19	15	17	19	55	43	21

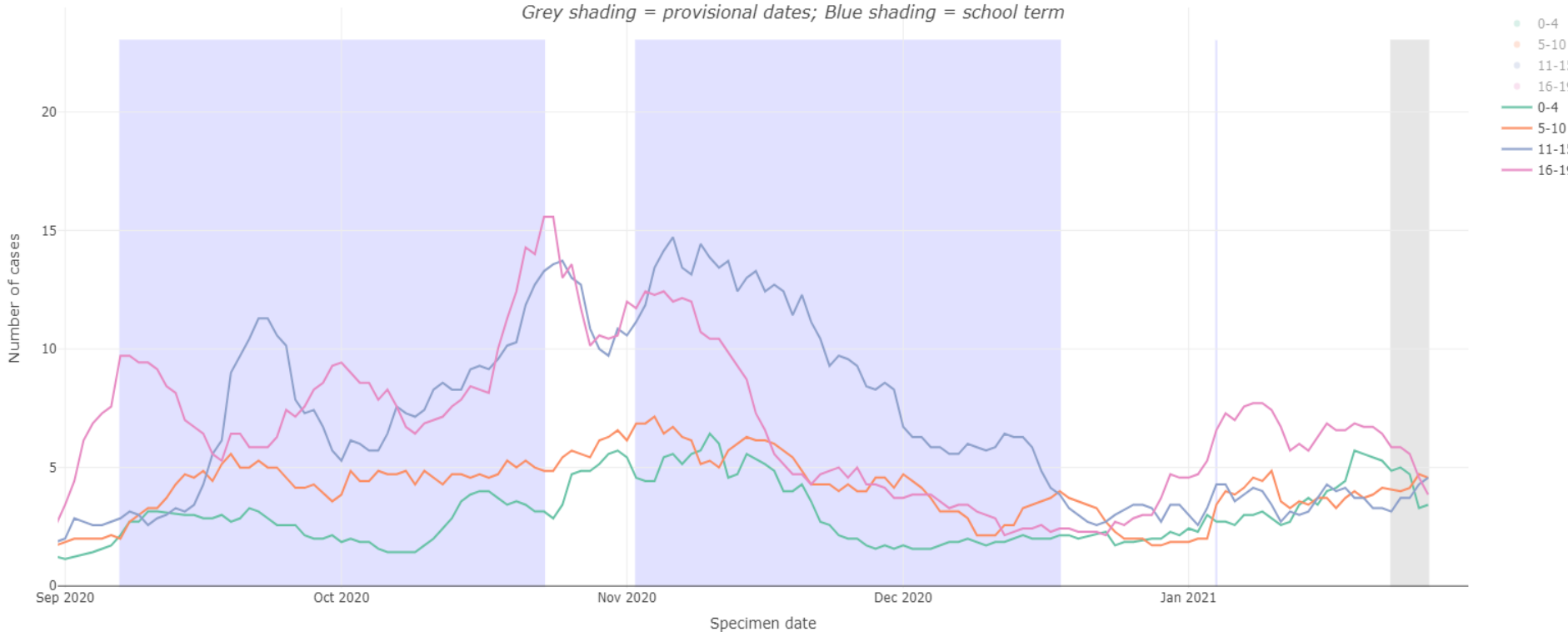


New cases among children and young people



New cases among children & young people

Cases among young people by day (points) with 7 day rolling average (lines)
Grey shading = provisional dates; Blue shading = school term



- Case numbers began to rise for all younger age brackets, at the beginning of each term
- Most recent term (Nov-Dec) children aged 11-15 saw largest number of cases, this gradually reduced over the 2 months
- Most recent weeks, there has been a rise in cases in children aged 0-4, with the majority of recent cases being found in young people aged 16-19
- Trends for Children & Young People follow the community trends – if community rates increase, rates in CYP increase; if community rates fall, rates in CYP fall

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

Phase 1: Direct prevention of mortality & supporting the NHS & social care system, 30th Dec 2020

- Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises that the first priorities should be:
 1. **the prevention of COVID-19 mortality, and**
 2. **the protection of health and social care staff and systems**
- **Population level protection will not be achievable immediately & Government advice on non-pharmaceutical interventions should continue to be followed**
- In the context of the epidemiology of COVID-19 in the UK in late 2020, the JCVI places a high priority on promoting rapid, high levels of vaccine uptake among vulnerable persons
- Advises that delivery of the first dose to as many eligible individuals as possible should be initially prioritised over delivery of a second vaccine dose. This should maximise the short-term impact of the programme
- The next phase will be determined as data on the roll out of Phase 1 becomes available
- JCVI indicate the current view that next phase likely focus on further reduction in hospitalisation and targeted vaccination of those at high risk of exposure and/or those delivering key public services

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation-advice-on-priority-groups-for-covid-19-vaccination-30-december-2020#references>

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COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Vaccine Priority Groups

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

It is estimated that taken together, these groups represent around 99% of preventable mortality from COVID-19.

The order of priority for each group in the population corresponds with data on the number of individuals who would need to be vaccinated to prevent one death, estimated from UK data obtained from March to June 2020

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Start Well and Council update

Helen Shearer, Head of Start Well



Vaccinations Update

- Vaccination delivery is coordinated by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
 - Locally delivered by GP-Led sites via Primary Care Networks (PCNs)
 - Centre staff include many volunteers
- Letter sent to all Head Teachers last week with full details of eligible groups
 - Special Schools fall under Social Care categories
 - Please do not access vaccine unless through approved channels
- Information has been submitted to the strategic task group regarding EY providers that have children who are Clinically Vulnerable.
- The full Reserve List that complies with JCVI criteria, overseen by Director of Adults Services (DASS)
- Further details of wider vaccination awaited from JCVI (*The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises UK health departments on immunisation*)

Out of School Settings

“We recognise the important role out-of-school settings play in providing additional childcare options to parents and carers, and in providing enriching activities and promoting the wellbeing of children.

For the duration of the national lockdown, wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings should only offer face-to-face provision for:

- children of critical workers, where it is reasonably necessary to support their parents or carers to work, seek work, attend a medical appointment, or undertake education or training
- vulnerable children and young people”

“We have updated the section on [choosing after-school clubs and out-of-school activities](#) to make it clear that parents should try to limit the number of settings their children attend as far as possible.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

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People not following guidance

- If you become aware of Parents/Organisations not following guidance you can....
 - Report via the GMP Portal
 - <https://www.gmp.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/v7/tell-us-about-a-possible-breach-of-coronavirus-covid-19-measures/>
 - Advise policyandperformance@bolton.gov.uk of the details
 - Communications will be targeted to your area
 - Other agencies will be asked to provide support e.g. Bolton at Home
- You may take the decision to withhold a keyworker place if you have evidence that rules have been disregarded – The LA will support these decisions
- We have escalated this issue to the DfE and are awaiting further info

LFD Testing – Early Years Staff

Further discussion with the DfE Current offer

Early Years – are all invited to Bolton’s Targeted Testing at Scale TTaS
Thank you to all that are taking this offer.

Bolton Arena and Hindu Temple, Deane Road and bookable slots.
Advised to be tested twice a week

Question

Is there any further information regarding financial support from the Government for staff and settings taking part in the Lateral Flow Testing program,

Provider purchasing LFT for inhouse testing privately

Issues to check out

- Training to use the kits
- With your insurance are you insured to do this?
- Classed as ‘special waste’- how are you disposing of the tests? Additional charges for waste collection

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Data submission

- Monday email from Families Information Service
- Weekly data return
- Early years return currently 27%
- DfE guidance on vulnerable children attendance updated

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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Data submission

The Department for Education has requested regular updates from childcare providers, including nurseries in schools, via this DfE link ([link](#))

Due to the present national lockdown, the Department for Education is currently asking for data to be submitted weekly. This means that the next return will be due on **3rd February 2021**.

To make sure that we can provide an accurate submission to the DfE, reflecting the current position in Bolton, **please can providers complete this data return on a weekly basis by 12 noon on Wednesday**.

If you are having problems completing the data, need help with the link or have any other questions, contact us.

Email: families@bolton.gov.uk or phone: 01204 332170

Families Information Service.

Please email questions to startwellbookings@bolton.gov.uk

Data Submitted to the DfE		
	21.01.21	28.01.21
1. Childcare Settings in Your Area		
How many childcare settings are in your area?	321	321
2. Open Provision		
How many childcare settings in your area are currently open?	272	272
How many open settings are group-based early years providers?	80	80
How many open settings are school-based early years providers?	91	91
How many open settings are childminders?	101	101
3. Closed Provision		
How many childcare settings in your area are closed?	49	49
How many closed settings are group-based early years provision?	9	9
How many closed settings are school-based early years provision?	13	13
How many closed settings are childminders?	27	27

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4. Sufficiency NEW CATEGORY		
How many open settings were unable to meet all requests for a childcare place required this week	61	62
How many children in total have been affected by the lack of suitable places at alternative settings this week	115	33
5. Children NEW CATEGORIES(break down of vulnerable)		
Approximately how many children are currently attending childcare in your area?	4588	4866
How many are children of critical workers?	1606	1705
How many are vulnerable children?	243	257
Of those vulnerable: have a social worker	99	100
Of those vulnerable: have an EHC Plan	44	43
Of those vulnerable: are identified by the providers as otherwise vulnerable but do not have a social worker or EHC Plan	100	114
(Number of other children - for local info only)	2739	2904
6. Sufficiency NEW QUESTION		
If you have any concerns about sufficiency of places including for particular groups, for example vulnerable children or children of critical workers, please provide details		
7. Additional Information		

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Communications and marketing

- Bolton News
- Early years funding entitlement information at testing sites
- Bolton radio
- Social media – Start Well, Council and Families Information Service
- #Earlyyearsinbolton



Bright Futures Nursery Bolton

5 January at 10:17 · 🌟

👶👶👶👶 During these strange and uncertain times, we like to escape into the land of make believe..

Inside our nursery walls today, we are princess's in a magical castle. 🧚🧚🧚🧚

#earlyyearsinsbolton #learningthroughplay #pretendplay



Seymour Road Nursery Bolton

15 January at 18:00 · 🌐

A lovely week in nursery. The children in squirrels (2-3 room) enjoyed playing in our mud kitchen. They used leaves and soil from the garden to 'cook' with. They showed good concentration mixing and sharing resources. This is something you could do at home in your garden. Some of the children also enjoyed signing and singing with Jenny. Well done boys and girls ❤️ #earlyyearsinsbolton



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Baby Bede Day Nursery

29 January at 18:33 · 🌐

😊😊😊😊 What an amazing feeling, everyone deserves to smile and I think we have a smile on these peoples faces today. If you know someone who deserve a door stop let the nursery know. #earlyyearsinsbolton. #weareallinthisogether



Bright Futures Nursery Bolton

1 February at 15:27 · 🌟

Today the tulip room children have been busy doing activities to support learning colour names, colour names are adjectives often used to describe things. When children are able to match and sort objects according to colour, then they are ready to learn colour names. Here's a few ideas we tried today-

- painting using the four primary colours
- naming and sorting
- Pom pom rolling through the correct colour tube (we used empty kitchen tubes and painted them) ... See more



Questions

