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To all schools

Dear Headteacher

**Covid Guidance**

Following recent announcements and guidance released by the DfE, schools and education settings are able to change their COVID control measures. While the guidance states that schools may remove some measures, it also clear that school leaders can keep their current COVID controls in place until the end of term.

This has been discussed at length with the Bolton Public Health Team, Head Teacher representatives, the Health Protection Board and Bolton Children's Services.

Careful consideration has been given to introducing any changes before the end of term, particularly given that the requirement to self-isolate as a close contact remains. Local partners agree that the safest and most sensible approach is to keep the current arrangements in place until the end of term. This includes maintaining bubble arrangements and face coverings in communal areas. We believe that this will reduce the likelihood of your community being asked to self-isolate as the holiday period starts and will cause the least disruption.

Yours Faithfully

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