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END OF TERM LETTER  
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Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of another tough half term for everyone. I wanted to thank everyone again for their hard work, patience, and understanding.

At present we have no more information regarding a full return of children to school. Information may come during next week's half term, but plans are likely to be set out on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We will probably know far more then, as to return dates.

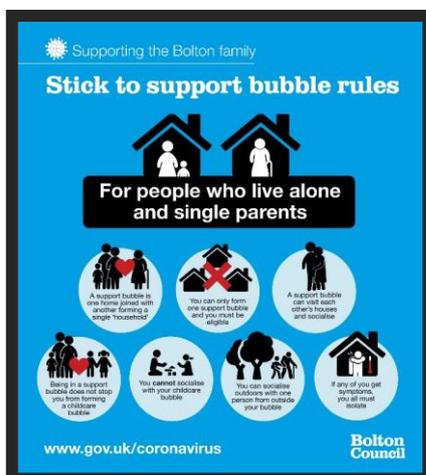
A letter to all parents has been posted on our school website, under the Parents-Letters Home tab, from Bernie Brown, the Director of Children's Services & Helen Lowey, the Director of Public Health. It gives up to date COVID-19 information.

Please find below some additional information, and guidance, from Bolton Council.

So that we can adequately, and safely, plan staff in classrooms for the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February, if you need an essential worker place for your child that week, and you know which days you require, please email us as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has sent us comments regarding remote learning, and work at home. The work will obviously continue to be provided after half term.

We have no news about Miss McCutcheon's baby. We may have to wait until after we come back to make an announcement.



For online payments go to [www.sims-pay.co.uk](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk)

The Team Bolton community of volunteers, partners, and council staff, are offering vital help to people who need support, including food and essential items such as medication, particularly if:

- you've received a letter from the NHS advising you're high risk and should stay at home
- you're medically vulnerable according to the government criteria and should stay at home
- you're any age and self-isolating due to illness
- you're experiencing financial hardship
- you're experiencing food poverty

Our call handlers will provide advice and tell you how you can access practical support.

This includes local support for those who are feeling isolated and alone.

### **Government guidance**

Bolton is currently in a national lockdown.

To protect yourself and others, you must remember:

- **Hands** – wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water often, and as soon as you get home – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- **Face** – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **Space** – stay at least 2 metres away from anyone you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble.
- **Limit your contacts** – you must not mix with other households indoors or outdoors unless they are in your support or childcare bubble.

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



### **Mental wellbeing**

Covid-19 has had an impact on people right across the world and it's important during this time to take care of your mind as well as your body.

Everyone will be reacting in their own way. You might be feeling down, worried or anxious or you might be feeling all these things at once.

Remember, it is ok to feel like this. These are normal reactions to uncertainty and to challenging events.

The [Every Mind Matters](http://www.everymindmatters.org) website includes help and advice for looking after your mental- wellbeing.

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