



The [full opening of schools guidance](#) has been updated to reflect the local restriction tiers which will be in place from Wednesday 2 December. Although there are no substantive changes in the guidance for schools there are a few points of clarification regarding the different tiers:

Area	Implications for Schools in Tier 2
Face Coverings	<p>When an area moves to local restriction tiers 2 or 3: high alert or very high alert, in settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. This does not apply to younger children in primary schools and in early years settings.</p> <p>In the event of an area moving into local restriction tiers 2 or 3: high alert or very high alert, schools will need to communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents and pupils that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances.</p> <p>Face coverings are required at all times on public transport, except for children under the age of 11. Further information can be found in the face coverings guidance.</p>
Extremely clinically vulnerable	<p>The advice for pupils who remain in the clinically extremely vulnerable group is that they should return to school from 2 December at all local restriction tiers unless they are one of the very small number of pupils or students under paediatric or NHS care (such as recent transplant or very immunosuppressed children) and have been advised specifically by their GP or clinician not to attend an education setting.</p> <p>All staff can continue to attend school in all three local restriction tiers. Advice for those identified through a letter from the NHS or a specialist doctor as in the group deemed clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV or shielding list) was published on 13 October.</p> <p>In the future, the government will only reintroduce formal restrictive shielding advice in some local areas in tier 3: very high alert where this has been advised by the Chief Medical Officer, and only for a limited period of time. The government will write to individuals to inform them if they are advised to follow formal shielding and not attend the workplace.</p>

Educational Visits	<p>As normal, schools should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they are planned and carried out safely and in line with relevant national and local restriction tier guidance protective measures, such as keeping children within their consistent group and any coronavirus (COVID-19) secure measures on transport and at the destination.</p> <p>Schools should consult the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits and make sure that the appropriate insurance arrangements are in place.</p>
Music, dance and drama	<p>Schools in tier 1 and 2 areas planning an indoor or outdoor performance in front of an audience should follow the latest advice in the DCMS performing arts guidance, implementing events in the lowest risk order as described. If planning an outdoor performance they should also give particular consideration to the guidance on delivering outdoor events. However, it is advised that schools restrict attendance by parents, and instead host audiences using alternative methods where possible, such as through live streaming or recording performances.</p>
Wrap around Provision and Extra Curricular Activity	<p>Currently, supervised activities, training and education for children can continue to operate at all alert tiers both inside and outdoors as per the guidance.</p>
Contingency planning	<p>The DfE state that they will update the guidance in the coming days to reflect how schools should operate under the strengthened tier system, and an updated contingency framework in the exceptional circumstances in which further restrictions on education are required in any area. The government will do everything possible to avoid enacting those contingency measures at any stage.</p>

<p>Buckinghamshire will be within Tier 2: High alert This is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place.</p>	
<p>General Tier 2 Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place • you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’ • businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs • pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals • hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol • close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt) • stop taking orders after 10pm • hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through 	

- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)