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COVID-19 Update 33

Dear Parents

I hope you and your children managed to have some downtime over half term and I am sure you are as relieved as we are to have confirmation that secondary schools will begin a phased re-opening from Monday, 8 March.

As part of the re-opening of schools to all students, the Department for Education has issued new guidance regarding the mitigation measures schools should take in light of the increased transmissibility of the new COVID-19 variant. This letter sets out our arrangements for welcoming back all students as well as the additional mitigation measures we will need to have in place. The staggered start and finish times that were in place last term will continue for the rest of the year.

Phased re-opening to allow for students to be tested on their return

In keeping with the DfE's guidance, Walton High will have a phased reopening to allow for the testing of students on their return.

Post 16 students

On Friday 5 March, Post-16 students who have consented to taking part in the testing programme will attend at the time allocated for their Tutor Group and self-administer a lateral flow test. Students who test negative, and those who have notified us of a positive test in the past and are not currently self-isolating, will be able to resume onsite lessons from Monday, 8 March.

Students who are not taking part in the testing programme should continue to study at home until Thursday, 11 March when they may begin to attend onsite lessons.

Year 7 and Year 11 students

On Monday 8 March, students in Year 7 and Year 11 whose parents have consented to taking part in the testing programme, and those students in these year groups who have notified us of a positive test in the past and are not currently self-isolating, should attend at the time allocated for the lesson they have first session that day – it is Week B. (Brooklands: [Annex A](#); Walnut Tree: [Annex B](#))

Upon arrival, students who have not tested positive within the past 90 days will be guided through how to self-administer a lateral flow test. Once they have administered the test, they will be able to go to their classroom and wait for their result. Students who test negative, and those who have notified us of a positive test in the past, will be able to resume onsite lessons from this point onwards.

Students who are not taking part in the testing programme should continue to study at home until Thursday, 11 March when they may begin to attend onsite lessons following their usual timetable. Any student turning up before then will not be allowed on site.

Year 8 and Year 10 students

On Tuesday 9 March, students in Year 8 and Year 10 whose parents have consented to taking part in the testing programme, and those students in these year groups who have notified us of a positive test in the past and are not currently self-isolating, should attend at the time allocated for the lesson they have first session that day – it is Week B. (Brooklands: [Annex C](#); Walnut Tree: [Annex D](#)).

Upon arrival, students who have not tested positive within the past 90 days will be guided through how to self-administer a lateral flow test. Once they have administered the test, they will be able to go to their classroom and wait for their result. Students who test negative, and those who have notified us of a positive test in the past, will be able to resume onsite lessons from this point onwards.

Students in these year groups who are not taking part in the testing programme should continue to study at home until Thursday, 11 March when they may begin to attend onsite lessons following their usual timetable. Any student turning up before then will not be allowed on site.

Year 9 students

On Wednesday 10 March, students in Year 9 whose parents have consented to taking part in the testing programme, and those students in this year group who have notified us of a positive test in the past and are not currently self-isolating, should attend at the time allocated for the lesson they have first session that day. (Brooklands: [Annex E](#); Walnut Tree: [Annex F](#)).

Upon arrival, students who have not tested positive within the past 90 days will be guided through how to self-administer a lateral flow test. Once they have administered the test, they will be able to go to their classroom and wait for their result. Students who test negative, and those who have notified us of a positive test in the past, will be able to resume onsite lessons from this point onwards.

Students in Year 9 who are not taking part in the testing programme should continue to study at home until Thursday, 11 March when they may begin to attend onsite lessons following their usual timetable. Any student turning up before then will not be allowed on site.

Lateral Flow Testing

Since testing became more widely available, Walton High has been notified of 95 students who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of these, 25 (26%) were asymptomatic. This highlights the important role routine testing of asymptomatic people plays in containing the spread of the virus and keeping us all safe and in good health.

As well as testing students before they resume lessons, the Government has asked that schools carry out two further onsite tests before giving parents the option of testing their children at home twice a week.

As these tests should be performed three to five days apart, it will not be possible to always use part of a PE lesson as previously advised, so there will be some disruption to other lessons but we have tried to keep this to the minimum.

The second and third tests have been scheduled as follows:

Friday 5 March		Monday 8 March		Tuesday 9 March		Wednesday 10 March		Thursday 11 March		Friday 12 March	
Year 12	1st test	Y7	1st test	Y8	1st test	Y9	1st test	Y7	2nd test	Y8	2nd test
Year 13/14	1st test	Y11	1st test	Y10	1st test	Post 16	2nd test	Y11	2nd test	Y10	2nd test
								Post 16	2nd test		

Monday 15 March		Tuesday 16 March		Wednesday 17 March		Thursday 18 March		Sunday 21 March	
Y9	2nd test	Y7	3rd test	Y8	3rd test	Y9	3rd test	All Years	Home testing
Post 16	3rd test	Y11	3rd test	Y10	3rd test				
		Post 16	3rd test						

As we know many families have competing pressures on their time at home, we will continue to offer onsite testing for those parents who would prefer their children to be tested at school.

More details on what is involved in home testing will be provided in the next Update letter.

In Update 32, I advised parents that only 75% of parents had indicated whether or not they gave consent to students participating in the testing programme. After a significant amount of staff time being devoted to chasing non-replies, this figure has now risen to 89%. Of the response we've received, 87% have given consent to testing.

Parents who have not yet given or withheld consent should, as a matter of urgency, do so by using this link to the online form https://bit.ly/C19_Consent.

Staff continue to be very grateful to those parents and students who have agreed to take part in the testing programme as they are doing their bit to keep the school community safe and helping to ensure an end to lockdown by the summer.

Face coverings

Following advice from Public Health England, students will now be required to wear face coverings during lessons. There will be a few exceptions to this new rule, e.g. when doing strenuous exercise or speaking in the target language during French and Spanish lessons. Students must also wear their face coverings as they move around the building and in their indoor social spaces.

This is expected to be a temporary measure up until the end of the spring term.

Students will no longer be required to wear face coverings when they are outside but they are not allowed to socialise with more than three other people and they must always keep two-metres social distance. Students who fail to comply with these mitigation measures will have their social time removed.

Teachers and support staff will also be expected to wear a face covering in crowded corridors and in classrooms when it does not interfere with their ability to communicate clearly with students. Teachers will continue to teach from the marked off area in their classroom which is two metres from the nearest student.

Until now, we have not requested any medical evidence that a student is exempt from wearing a face covering. However, **given the increased risk of transmission of the new variant of COVID-19, and the number of students who are claiming to be exempt, parents will now be required to provide proof that their child is exempt.**

Whilst students who refuse to wear or persistently fail to properly wear a face covering will continue to receive their education, out of consideration for the wellbeing of others, they will not attend class or have social time with their peers.

Lesson seating plans

Seating plans will be amended before students return. Those who are exempt from wearing face coverings and students not taking part in the testing programme will be seated furthest away from the teacher.

Shielding staff

You may be aware that recently the Government added to the conditions that potentially make a person clinically extremely vulnerable. These people have been advised to work from home until at least 31 March. This change has meant there are an increased number of Walton High staff who have to work from home. Teachers who are shielding will deliver their lessons remotely from home.

Minibus users

To protect the driver and other passengers, only students participating in the testing programme will be allowed to use the school's minibus service.

360° analysis of COVID-19's impact on students

Tutors are gathering some very helpful information from their Tutees and other teachers about the different ways home learning has impacted on each individual.

If you have not already done so, please remember to book an appointment with your child(ren)'s Tutor by this Friday if you wish to input into this process.

Positive cases locally

Positive cases locally appear to be plateauing but at a higher level than they were in September ([Annex G](#)) and every week we are still being notified of people in the school community testing positive. It is therefore important that we all continue to do what we can both individually and collectively to prevent the spread of the virus as schools reopen.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Michelle Currie
Executive Principal



Annex A – Brooklands campus

Monday		8 March			
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room
08:30	7	7Ba/Sc1	Science	MCS	S5
	7	7Ba/Sc2	Science	SMS	S8
	7	7Ba/Sp1	Spanish	POA	L1
09:00	7	7Bb/Dr1	Drama	EIB	Dr2
	7	7Bb/Mu2	Music	JLH	Mu3
	7	7Bb/Gg3	Geography	KJT	H1
09:30	7	7Bc/Ar1	Art	SAS	A1
	7	7Bc/Ar2	Art	JPG	A3
	7	7Bc/Me1	Media	KBU	BC5
10:00	7	7Bc/Dt1	DT	JPC	WS2
	7	7Bc/Fd1	Food	MAF	F1
10:30	11	11Bst/Ma1	Maths	NYA	M10
	11	11Bst/Ma2	Maths	ROD	H2
11:00	11	11Bst/Ma3	Maths	SNT	M7
	11	11Bst/Ma4	Maths	LIL	M8
11:30	11	11Bst/Ma5	Maths	ALS	M2
	11	11Bst/Ma6	Maths	KVB	M5

Annex B – Walnut Tree campus

Monday		8 March			
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room
08:30	7	7Wxz/EI1	English Lit	CWL	En3
	7	7Wxz/EI2	English Lit	JCD	En1
	7	7Wxz/EI3	English Lit	SPC	En6
09:00	7	7Wxz/EI4	English Lit	NFT	En8
	7	7Wxz/EI5	English Lit	JSM	En7
	7				
09:30	7	7Wxz/EI6	English Lit	HET	En9
	7	7Wxz/EI7	English Lit	LJM	En4
10:00	7	7Wxz/EI8	English Lit	LJS	En5
	7	7Wxz/EI9	English Lit	MRH	En2

Monday		8 March			
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room
10:30	11	11Wxz/Ma1	Maths	PJN	Ma7
	11	11Wxz/Ma2	Maths	ODW	Ma5
	11	11Wxz/Ma3	Maths	SNK	Ma6
11:00	11	11Wxz/Ma4	Maths	KUM	Ma9
	11	11Wxz/Ma5	Maths	KAM	Ma8
	11	11Wxz/Ma6	Maths	SMC	Ma4
11:30	11	11Wxz/Ma7	Maths	ASP	Ma2
	11	11Wxz/Ma8	Maths	HUA	Ma10
	11	11Wxz/Ma9	Maths	SJM	Ma1
	11	11Wxz/Ma10	Maths	JGB	Ma3

Annex C – Brooklands campus

Tuesday		9 March			
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room
08:30	8	8Bac/Ma6	Maths	LRZ	M4
	8	8Bac/Ma7	Maths	KVB	M5
09:00	8	8Bac/Ma8	Maths	LIL	M8
	8	8Bac/Ma9	Maths	ALS	M2
09:30	8	8Bb/Dr1	Drama	EIB	Dr1
	8	8Bb/Da2	Dance	ECD	Hall
10:00	8	8Bab/Pe1	PE	ZES	
	8	8Bab/Pe2	PE	MAF	
	8	8Bab/Pe3	PE	CHK	
10:30	10	10BJ/Dt1	DT	JPC	WS2
	10	10BJ/Fd1	Fd	MAF	F1
	10	10BJ/Fd2	Fd	JEM	F2
11:00	10	10BJ/Cm1	Media	MMC	ME1
	10	10BJ/Pa1	Performing Arts	AAL	Dr1
	10	10BJ/Ss1	Sports Science	SIM	BC2
11:30	10	10BJ/Ss2	Sports Science	KMG	BC5
	10	10BJT1/Ch	Chemistry	NAL	S6

Annex D – Walnut Tree campus

Tuesday		9 March				
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room	
08:30	8	8Wxz/Ma1	Maths	SJM	Ma1	
	8	8Wxz/Ma2	Maths	ADG	Ma4	
	8	8Wxz/Ma3	Maths	ASP	Ma2	
09:00	8	8Wxz/Ma4	Maths	ODW	Ma5	
	8	8Wxz/Ma5	Maths	KAM	Ma8	
09:30	8	8Wxz/Ma6	Maths	AKB	Ma7	
	8	8Wxz/Ma7	Maths	PJN	Ma10	
10:00	8	8Wxz/Ma8	Maths	SNK	Ma6	
	8	8Wxz/Ma9	Maths	KUM	Ma9	
	8	8Wxz/Ma10	Maths	JGB	Ma3	
10:30	10	10WE/Bs1	Business Studies	AND	BE6	
	10	10WE/Bs2	Business Studies	MHN	BE7	
	10	10WE/Cs1	Computer Science	AMD	BE2	
11:00	10	10WE/Fr1	French	VLF	ML4	
	10	10WE/Hs1	Health & Social Care	REC	TR2	
	10	10WE/Mu1	Music	ALN	PA2	
	10	10WE/Ps1	Psychology	PJG	SS2	
11:30	10	10WE/Ps2	Psychology	CAW	SS1	
	10	10WE/So1	Sociology	DFT	SS3	
	10	10WE/Sp1	Spanish	JHP	ML3	

Annex E – Brooklands campus

Wednesday		10 March				
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room	
08:00	9	9BK/Bs1	Business Studies	PAL	BC3	
	9	9BK/Cs1	Computer Science	RDH	BC6	
	9	9BK/Dr1	Drama	AAL	Dr2	
08:20	9	9BK/Cm1	Media	MMC		
	9	9BK/Fr1	French	LJB	ME1	
	9	9BK/Fr2	French	MGM	L3	
	9	9BK/Hs1	Health & Social Care	ZES	L2	
08:40	9	9BK/Ps1	Psychology	LIM	HS1	
	9	9BK/So1	Sociology	CBF	H11	
09:00	9	9BK/Sp1	Spanish	HLM	L4	
	9	9BK/Sp2	Spanish	POA	L1	
	9	9BK/St1	Study	BFT	The Hub	

Annex F – Walnut Tree campus

Wednesday		10 March				
Arrive at	Year	Class code	Subject	Teacher	Room	
08:00	9	9WAT1/Ch	Chemistry	MLD	I	
	9	9WAT2/Py	Physics	FOO	J	
08:20		9WAT3/Sm	Maths in Science	JAK	B	
	9	9WAT4/Py	Physics	DEM	C	
08:40	9	9WSC1/Ch	Chemistry	KPB	E	
	9	9WSC2/Bi	Biology	ERH	G	
09:00	9	9WSC3/Ch	Chemistry	GKP	F	
	9	9WSC4/Bi	Biology	CAS	K	

Annex G

22 February 2021 at 4:00pm

Cases in Milton Keynes ▾

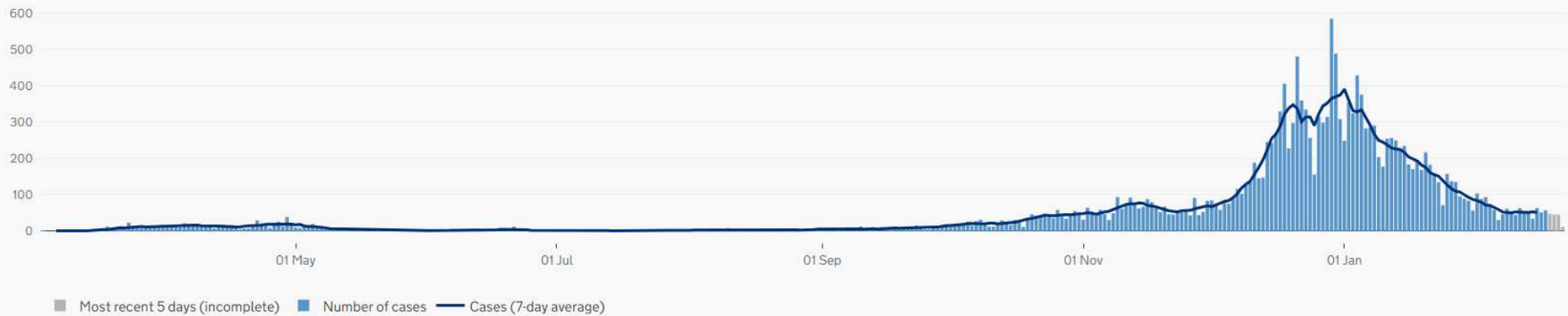
People tested positive

Daily	Total
67	18,854

Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result (either lab-reported or lateral flow device), by specimen date. Individuals tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

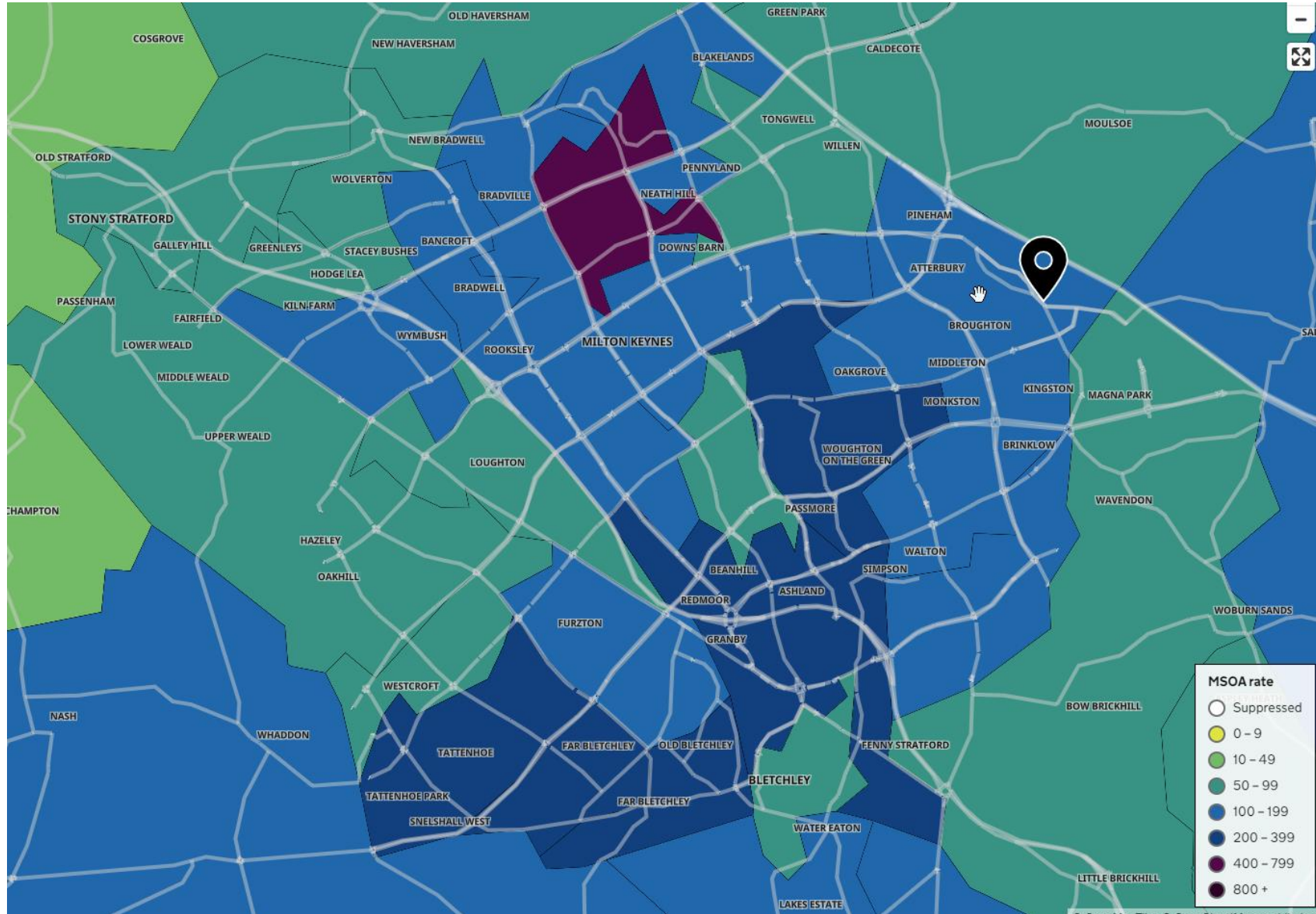
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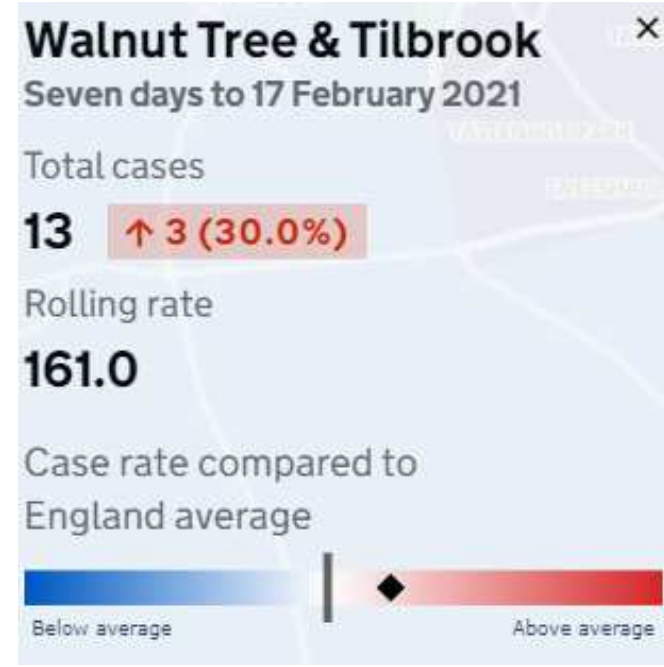
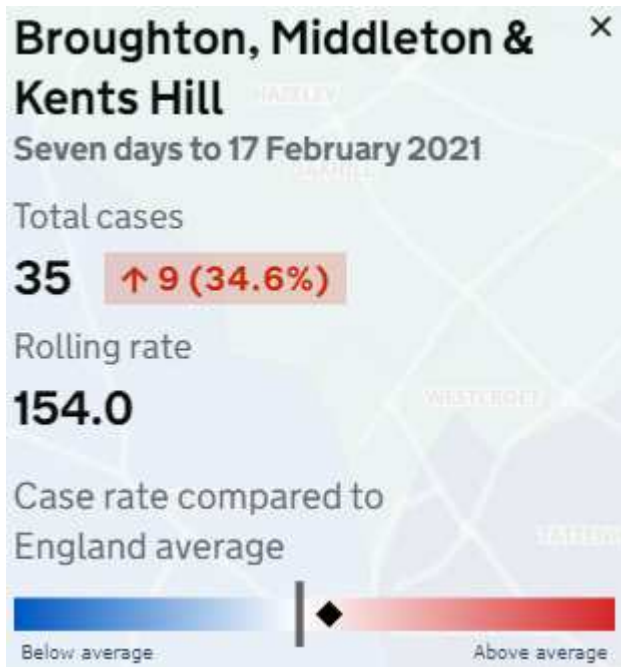
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Seven-day rolling rate of new cases by specimen date ending on 17 February 2021



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Cases

People tested positive in Milton Keynes

Latest data at local authority (upper tier) level provided on 22 February 2021

Daily
67

Last 7 days
360 ↓ -4 (-1.1%)

▶ Rate per 100k resident population: **137.3**

Deaths

Deaths within 28 days of positive test in Milton Keynes

Latest data at local authority (upper tier) level provided on 22 February 2021

Daily
1

Last 7 days
14 ↑ 1 (7.7%)

Healthcare

Patients admitted in Milton Keynes University Hospital

Latest data at healthcare trust level provided on 14 February 2021

Daily
3

Last 7 days
41 ↓ -31 (-43.1%)