



Sandwell News

UPDATED COVID-19 ADVICE FOR SANDWELL



You don't need to continue to shield - but do follow all government advice



Do not have non-essential visitors in your home



If you have symptoms, self-isolate at home and book a test



Continue to keep yourself, your family and others safe

Mayor gives thanks this VJ Day

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, marking both the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War.

Here's a [special VJ Day video message from the Mayor of Sandwell](#) paying tribute to all of those who fought.

Although we can't be together tomorrow, we will be observing a two-minute silence at 11am.



Wearing a face covering keeps others safe

Make sure your face covering covers your mouth AND your nose.

It is compulsory to wear a face covering or face mask in all shops and supermarkets, as well as on all public transport (buses, trains and the Metro).

Face coverings must also be worn in banks, building societies and post offices, places of worship, community centres, hair salons, tattoo parlours, funeral homes, crematoria and visitor attractions. [You can see a full list of where you are required to wear a face covering on the government website.](#)



Pubs, bars and restaurants in Sandwell must keep their customers safe and limit the spread of Covid-19.

Make sure you:

- Record all customers' details – so they can be contacted in case of an outbreak
- Ensure customers only socialise in groups of up to two households (including support bubbles) indoors and outdoors, or up to six people from different households when outdoors
- Encourage regular handwashing and good hygiene
- Notify the council if two or more staff test positive for Covid-19.

[More advice for pubs and restaurants](#)



Residents and businesses in Sandwell are being urged to have their say on what improvements they would like to see as part of the Government's Towns Fund investment in Sandwell.

There will be up to £25 million available per town selected to develop innovative regeneration plans.

Last year, the Government announced that 101 towns would benefit from the Towns Fund deal - including West Bromwich, Rowley Regis and Smethwick - in Sandwell.

This is a really exciting opportunity to bring investment into Sandwell, we want to hear from as many people as possible.

You have until Tuesday 25 August to [complete the survey and help shape your town's future](#).

This will be followed by a further phase two survey expected in September.

Free childcare for 2 year olds



Could you be eligible to receive [15 hours free childcare](#) for your 2 year old?

If your child will be 2 years old by Monday 31 August 2020, you could be eligible to receive up to 15 hours free childcare from September 2020.

EXAM RESULTS SERVICE

13 August—28 August 2020

What do I
do next?

Where can I find
information?

Do I still have options
open to me?

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm

We understand that this can be a difficult time for students and parents but Connexions are here to support you through it.

Connexions careers advisers are here to provide free, specialised information, advice and guidance to young people and parents.

Our helpline numbers are

07917174735 - 07917174702

Follow on advice will continue to be available after 28 August by contacting us at sandwell_connexions@sandwell.gov.uk

Free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds



DON'T MISS OUT!!

APPLY FOR YOUR 30 HOURS CODE
AND TAKE IT TO YOUR
CHILDCARE PROVIDER BEFORE
31 AUGUST

- ✔ Will your child will be 3 or 4 years by Monday 31 August?
- ✔ Do you work full or part time hours?
- ✔ You could claim up to 30 hours free childcare!
- ⌚ You will need to apply by 31 August to claim from September 2020.
- 🕒 [Check whether you're eligible and apply now.](#)