



# Sandwell News

## CORONAVIRUS TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

### YOU MUST:

Not mix with other households indoors

Only meet people outdoors in open public spaces in groups of up to six

Reduce your number of journeys, avoid travel outside the area unless needed

Work from home if possible

For further details, go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**

## Sandwell is in Tier 3




Councillor Maria Crompton, Deputy Leader of Sandwell Council, talks about Sandwell being in the Government's Tier 3 (Very High Alert) and [what that means for Sandwell](#).


For the latest information on COVID-19 visit the [Government's coronavirus webpage](#) and

for details on restrictions affecting Sandwell [visit the council's webpage](#).


## Civic Carol Concert

 It's been a difficult year, but we won't let Covid-19 stop one of our annual Christmas traditions.



 This year the 131st Civic Carol Concert will be held virtually and the Mayor of Sandwell Councillor [Dr Ann Jaron invites you to 'save the date'](#).

The concert will be on Saturday 19 December at 6.30pm and we hope you can join us for some much-needed festive entertainment to get into the Christmas spirit.



 We'll be posting a link to the concert nearer the date.

**Are you eligible for the  
Council Tax Reduction Scheme?**

**You may be able to claim if  
your household is**

**on a low income or receiving benefits.**

**To find out more visit:**  
[www.sandwell.gov.uk/claimcounciltaxreduction](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/claimcounciltaxreduction)



**Covid-19**  
Local restriction support grants for businesses  
**Apply now**

Local Restriction Support Grants for Sandwell businesses are now available. Eligible businesses may be entitled to payments of up to £3,000.

To apply, business owners should log onto Sandwell Council's website where there is an explanation of the [different grants available and they can select the grant that applies to them](#).

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Employers and work colleagues can be a lifeline for people living with domestic abuse. They can help to support employees who are experiencing abuse.

We know not every home is a safe one. Abuse is not always physical. Support services are still running.

[There is lots of advice available for employers and colleagues.](#)

In an emergency, always call 999.

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# No child should be hungry

**We are funding free school meals for children during the Christmas holiday**

Many children come from households who are finding it hard to make ends meet, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.



We don't think our children should go without.

Schools will get in touch with eligible families.



## Check your Christmas bin dates here



[www.sandwell.gov.uk/bins](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/bins)





Report abandoned vehicle



Book a bulky collection

CALENDAR

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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When is my bin day?



Report fly-tipping



Report a missed bin



Report a street light

[my.sandwell.gov.uk](http://my.sandwell.gov.uk)