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## West Sussex to remain in Tier 2



Following the government's announcement today (Thursday 17 December), West Sussex will be staying in Tier 2 high alert coronavirus restrictions. Tier 2 is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections.

To help keep West Sussex safe please remember:

- You must not meet anyone indoors unless they're part of your household or your support bubble
  - Avoid crowded places and try to remain 2 metres apart
  - The less contact we have, the safer we'll be so where you can, please reduce social contact
  - If you get COVID-19-like symptoms, even a mild cough, self-isolate and [please book a test](#)
  - Please also think carefully about Christmas. From 23 to 27 December up to three households ONLY will be able to meet in a 'bubble' and please remember, keep your family safe and celebrate this Christmas sensibly.
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# Do you need to travel this Christmas?

Between 23 and 27 December, you may travel between tiers **if necessary**, to meet with your Christmas bubble. Please remember to:

- Plan your journey
- Book ahead
- Avoid busy routes.

And please check the tier you're travelling to before you travel and follow local tier restrictions when you arrive.

You can familiarise yourself with the new restrictions in full by [visiting the GOV.UK website](#) and [Christmas travel](#).

[Our COVID-19 data dashboard](#) is available on our website, showing information about the number of cases in local districts and boroughs as well as at county level.

Please remember that our Community Hub is [still here to help](#) if you need it.

Don't forget Hands. Face. Space. and #KeepWestSussexSafe

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## Stay sober behind the wheel

This Christmas, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is urging drivers to think before you drink and stay sober when behind the wheel. Since 2018, 91 people have been killed or seriously injured due to a drink driving related road traffic collision in West Sussex.



We understand that during the festive season people will be looking forward to spending time with friends and family – but please, make sure you look out for each other and plan a safe way home. Use the [Under the Influence Calculator](#) to find out **roughly** when it will be safe for you to drive the morning after drinking alcohol.

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## Wear a face covering with a plastic visor

Don't wear a plastic visor on its own without a fabric face covering as well – that's the message from West Sussex Public Health and Trading Standards services.

Residents are being warned that plastic visors on their own are not sufficient to limit the spread of COVID-19. Visors must be worn with an additional fabric face mask in order to be effective.



The warning comes after Trading Standards officers noticed some sellers in the county were advertising the visors using images of people without a face covering.

These misleading adverts give the impression that residents will help protect transmission to others with just a visor when this is not the case.

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## Beware loan fee fraud



We're helping the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to raise awareness about loan fee fraud.

This occurs when people pay an upfront fee for a loan they never receive. The good news is that you can protect yourself with this quick three-step check:

- If you're asked to pay an upfront fee, it could be a scam.
- If you're asked to pay quickly, it could be a scam.
- If you're asked to pay in an unusual way, such as vouchers or money transfer, it could be a scam.

Always check that the provider is authorised by the FCA before you borrow.

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## Have your say on school admissions



Are you a parent or carer of a child between the ages of two and 18, or do you have an interest in school admissions generally?

If so, we would like your views on our proposed admission arrangements for schools for the

September 2022 entry.

We are currently consulting and would welcome your views on:

- Admission numbers for all schools
- The admission arrangements
- Proposed catchment changes in the Chichester area
- Associated changes in the Mid Sussex and Horsham areas as a result of the relocation of Warninglid Primary School to Pease Pottage.

Local voluntary aided or foundation school and academies will also be consulting if they are proposing any changes to their admission arrangements.

Take part in the consultation by visiting the [Schools Admissions 2022-23 webpage](#) before the closing date of Thursday 21 January 2021 and please help us by forwarding the link to anyone you feel would like to have their say.

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## Have you got equipment to return?



A reminder that we still urgently need assistive equipment to help our colleagues at the NHS safely discharge patients back to their own homes.

Items needed include beds, mattresses, hoists and commodes, as well as walking frames, trolleys and perching stools which are on loan from the Community Equipment

Service.

Contact 0345 127 2931 or email [enquiries@westsussex.nrs-uk.net](mailto:enquiries@westsussex.nrs-uk.net) to arrange the safe collection of equipment that is no longer needed.

Only return items that you don't need any more.

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