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We are conscious that the information that is available in relation to the above on the internet is confusing and can be misinterpreted. As such we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update in relation to what the restrictions are based on the current information issued by the Department of Health and Social Care:

Can I go to work?

Yes – People living inside and outside of the restricted areas can continue to travel in and out of all restricted areas for work providing that the workplace has implemented COVID-19 controls (Similar to Carnell).

Can I travel outside of my restricted area?

Yes – You can travel to and from work and you can still go on holiday. If you are going on holiday you can only do this with people you live with or have formed a support bubble with.

You should not travel outside of your restricted area to meet people other than those in your support bubble, in their homes, gardens, or indoor public places.

Can I meet people in my home?

People from different households must not meet in a private home or garden, and must not:

1. Host people you do not live with in your home or garden unless they are in your support bubble.
2. Meet people you do not live with in their home or garden.
3. Travel outside of the restricted areas to meet people in their home or garden.

Your household is only the people you live with, or people within your support bubble (A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with any other household). Households within a bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together. People can still come inside your home for specific purposes, such as conducting repair or building work, cleaning, or formal childcare.

Can I meet people outdoors?

You should only socialise in outside public places (like parks) in groups of up to 6 people from multiple households. Gatherings larger than 6 should only take place if everyone is exclusively from 2 households or support bubbles.

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Can I go to public places such as restaurants, gyms, or shops?

Yes - If you are going to be indoors, you should only go with members of your own household. This applies even if you are going to a public place outside of the restricted areas. You should socially distance from other households at all times – unless they are in your support bubble.

If you are visiting the outdoor areas of cafes, restaurants, or pubs, you should only meet in groups of up to 2 households, or up to 6 people from multiple households. You should avoid socialising with people from other households when you visit shops, leisure centres, cafes, and any other indoor public places.

Can I go to religious ceremonies or places of worship?

You can attend ceremonies within a church, mosque, synagogue, temple or other place of worship, but you should socially distance from people outside of your household. This means maintaining a distance of 2 metres, or 1 metre with mitigations (such as wearing face coverings).

Can I go to a wedding or funeral?

Yes - Weddings, civil partnerships and funerals can still go ahead in the restricted areas, but they must have no more than 30 people, and comply with COVID-19 Secure guidance and venue capacity.

People living outside of these areas can travel to these areas to attend a wedding, civil partnership, or funeral, but they should not meet with another household in a private home or garden.

Wedding receptions or parties currently should not take place. No celebrations involving more than one household or support bubble should take place in a house, garden, or indoor public places such as hotels, pubs, and restaurants. Celebrations outdoors can include up to 6 people from different households.

The current restricted areas in the North of England are as follows (Preston is likely to be included within the list below within the next few days):

Restricted Areas North of England (07/08/2020)		
Greater Manchester	Lancashire	West Yorkshire
City of Manchester	Blackburn with Darwen	Bradford
Trafford	Burnley	Calderdale
Stockport	Hyndburn	
Oldham	Pendle	
Bury	Rossendale	
Wigan		
Bolton		
Tameside		
Rochdale		
Salford		