

Tier 2 - Guidance on pupils being dropped off/collected from schools

We have been asked for some advice on drop off and collection of pupils from schools following Cheshire East going into Tier 2 restrictions. We have considered the various current arrangements that schools have brought to our attention which include grandparents, family members and friends, a nanny, au pair or other childminders.

The following aims to provide **guidance in general terms for the more common place queries and is not exhaustive guidance and does not change the requirements of the legislation. It is NOT our expectation that schools are responsible** for ensuring families comply with the legislation.

In accordance with the legislation, collection and drop off can be:

- Either a member of your household, linked childcare household or a register childminder.
- A wider family member or friend if:
 - the rule of 6 is applied; and
 - they do not enter the family household; and
 - appropriate guidance applicable at the time is followed for example, social distancing, use of face masks where mandated, etc.

A nanny or au pair could be exempt under either of the above, or if they live in would be classed as part of the household.

The above is advised based on tier 2 guidance which states **exceptions apply in relation to indoor gatherings**. These restrictions include childcare provided by a person registered under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 (a) and informal childcare provided by a member of a household to a member of their linked childcare household.

If a child lives between two households, then each household can form its own linked childcare household.

Persons registered under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006 (a) generally covers persons registered as early years childminders or other early years providers

A linked childcare household means a household that is linked with another household for the purposes of informal childcare.

The guidance for linked childcare households is as follows: -

Households with a child under 13 years are allowed to link with another household if:

- Neither household is linked with another household
- All adult members of the household agree

The arrangement would need to stop when the children are over the age of 13.

Once the linked household arrangement stops neither household can join with another household.