



Covid Restrictions & Residential Activities

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*Sono pessimista con l'intelligenza,
ma ottimista per la volontà*

**I am a pessimist because of
intelligence, but an optimist
because of will**

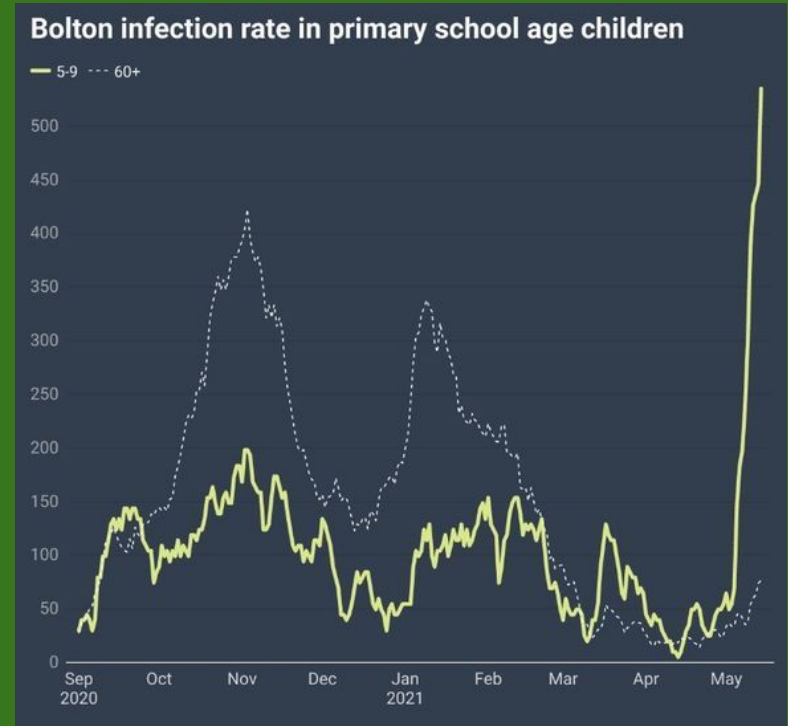


Antonio Gramsci
1891-1937



Background

- Successful vaccination roll-out
- $R_t \approx 1$, infection rates stable
- Variants of concern
- Regional hotspots
- Possible local lockdowns (England)
- Transmission in school age children



Current restrictions – England

- **Step 3** (since May 17)
- Indoor or outdoor provision permitted
- No upper limit on numbers - bubbles of 15 advised
- Camps and residentials not possible for Woodcraft Folk groups



Current restrictions – Scotland

- **Protection Level 2 (Level 3 in Glasgow)**
- Indoor or outdoor provision permitted (outdoor only at Level 3)
- Maximum 30 people (including volunteers)
- Camps and residentials permitted at/within Level 2
- Single occupancy of tents or dorms



Current restrictions – Wales

- **Alert Level 2**
- Indoor or outdoor provision permitted
- No upper limit on numbers - bubbles of 15 advised
- Camps and residentials permitted
- Single occupancy of tents or dorms



Next steps

- **No timeline** for Alert Level 1 in Wales
- Aiming for Protection Level 1 in Scotland on **7 June**
- Aiming for Protection Level 0 on **28 June**
- Step 4 in England 'not before' **21 June**



Step 4 (England)

- Indication that limit for residential activity will be raised
- Limit likely to be **15-30** (with possible regional variance)
- Not confirmed before mid-June
- Lateral Flow Testing **will** be required (11+)
- **No mixing** of groups on same site/in same centre
- Possible **firebreak** from mid-August



Possible approaches

- Group rather than district camps
- Shorter duration
- Day camps
- Delaying until autumn



Current thinking: summer 2021

Pioneers (2-7 August)

- Small bubbles - no mixing
- Shorter duration (beginning/end of week)
- Bookable activity sessions



Current thinking: summer 2021

Venturers (7-13 August)

- Lack of mixing, unlikely to meet Venturers' needs
- Consider viability when guidance released
- Possible focus on shared autumn residentials instead



Common Ground

- 29 July - 8 August, Kelmarsh Hall, Northants
- 2,000 - 3,000 participants
- All ages welcome



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