

# Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

## UPDATED AND NEW DfE GUIDANCE

An enormous range of both new and updated DfE guidance appeared from about 4pm last Friday until late last night. Below you will find the links and, where possible, an idea of what the update said. In addition, links to all documents are available on the Northumberland Education website, on the Coronavirus Updates page

### Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak

What schools need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Updated information on online resources and remote learning, workforce, and vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures#history>.

### What parents and carers need to know about schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak

Updated information on support for parents, online resources and vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings

Added: 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): SEND risk assessment guidance'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>.

### Gavin Williamson Speech on COVID-19 Response

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/gavin-williamson-speech-on-covid-19-response>

### Supporting vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus outbreak

Clarifications to the existing guidance including the actions to be taken for each group around their attendance or otherwise at an education setting. We have not changed the groups included in the definition of vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>.

### NEW: Get Help with Technology for Remote Education During Coronavirus COVID-19

The Department for Education is working in partnership with an industry coalition to provide technology to support remote education.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

### Government Press Release: New major package to support online learning

The Education Secretary announces that vulnerable and disadvantaged young people across the country will receive free laptops.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-major-package-to-support-online-learning>.

### NEW: Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

### NEW: Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice for parents and carers of children who have not yet started school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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### **NEW: Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Advice for parents and carers looking after children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-sen-d-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

### **Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Understand how to follow safeguarding procedures when planning remote education strategies and teaching remotely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

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### **Remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Information, guidance and support for teachers and leaders on educating children during the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

### **Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020**

This guidance aims to answer common questions in relation to the cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in 2020.

Change made: Updated 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020' including details of Ofqual's consultation on exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020?utm\\_source=1c1059d0-a03d-4f1e-9deb-98cdc547371e&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020?utm_source=1c1059d0-a03d-4f1e-9deb-98cdc547371e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily).

### **NEW: Coronavirus (COVID-19): financial support for education, early years and children's social care**

Funding and financial support available for education, childcare and children's social care organisations.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-education-early-years-and-childrens-social-care?utm\\_source=506cf03d-e134-462d-9cb5-0bf1591d9436&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-education-early-years-and-childrens-social-care?utm_source=506cf03d-e134-462d-9cb5-0bf1591d9436&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily).

### **NEW: Coronavirus (COVID-19): SEND risk assessment guidance**

NEW Guidance for special schools, specialist colleges, local authorities and any other settings managing children and young people with complex special educational needs and disability (SEND).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance>.

In addition, and as you are aware, from this week, NCC Education and Children's Social Care are requesting monitoring information on vulnerable learners. You will find below the proforma we have put together to support schools and settings to risk assess as needed:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MASTER-Northumberland-EHCP-Risk-Assessment-Form-v2>.

Currently, the guidance from DfE states that:  
*If a child or young person has a learning difficulty, autism or both, the risk assessors should ensure, with the agreement of the family, that the child is identified on the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group dynamic support register if the risk assessment deems a child or young person is safer at home.*

IMPORTANT: We are seeking clarification from DfE and NHS England about this and will keep you informed whether this is a step that is required.

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## Managing Bereavement and Loss - Resources

Our NCC Educational Psychology Service has continued to gather and collate useful resources for schools to use when supporting their communities during the pandemic. Categories include:

- Responses to specific situations (including template letters schools can use to notify different parts of the community following a death)
- Understanding Young People's Responses to Bereavement
- Helping Children and Young People Understand and be Prepared for Deaths
- National Organisations Available to Support When Necessary
- Whole School Approaches

[https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill\\_finch2/managing\\_bereavements](https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/managing_bereavements).

Schools are also reminded also that they can contact their link EP or contact [psychservices@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:psychservices@northumberland.gov.uk) for support if needed.

## BBC Bitesize Home Learning

I've copied this from the [BBC Bitesize Website](#). (BBC Bitesize) will provide more support to students and their parents with a series of special daily broadcasts for both primary and secondary students, complementing a whole host of extra resources online.

From Monday to Friday, you'll be able to watch Bitesize Daily on BBC Red Button from 9am to 11am, and again on BBC iPlayer. Each 20-minute lesson will cover a different age group from ages five to 14, and will be brought to you by experts, teachers and some very familiar faces from the world of TV, sport and beyond.

As well as dedicated programmes covering Maths, Science and English, there will also be lessons featuring other subjects such as History, Geography, Music and Art.

Alongside the new Bitesize Daily lessons, there'll also be Teacher Talks - a brand new series offering helpful hints in tackling core concepts in Maths and English as well as extra content from BBC Teach including their Live Lessons series.

How you follow the lessons is completely up to you - you can join our broadcasts every day or catch up with a few in a row with every broadcast available to catch up via BBC iPlayer.

## Oak National Academy

From today, Monday 20 April, parents can access 180 lessons a week for every year group from Reception through to year 10, through a new online platform, Oak National Academy.

The enterprise which has been set up by teachers and is funded by the Department of Education, provides video lessons for students, with each lesson coming with a corresponding quiz and worksheet. According to the Ambition Institute, each lesson will last one hour and the portal will provide the equivalent of three hours of lessons a day for primary students and four hours for secondary. The learning resources have been created by more than 40 teachers across the UK and cover key topics such as language, art and maths. The teachers come from a range of backgrounds, from top-performing schools and trusts including Reach Academy Feltham, Ark, Oasis and Outwood Grange.

The Oak National Academy resources are on their [official website](#), where resources went live this morning. From here, you can view lessons by subject and level, or you can follow their planned weekly schedule.

## Early Years Thank You Video

Our Early Years Team have made a lovely film to thank all the EY providers and settings that have stayed open during the coronavirus crisis. It contains film from a number of those many providers. Watch it on the this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/13vIHhLU9woNXsDV\\_LBSnybWNF5mM\\_Fo01/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13vIHhLU9woNXsDV_LBSnybWNF5mM_Fo01/view).