

# Headteachers' Update

## The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

### Safe to Learn Edition 36

The latest edition of the Schools Safeguarding Team's comprehensive weekly newsletter is available from:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Child-Families/Looked%20after%20children/Safe-to-Learn-Bulletin-Issue-36-07-05-20.pdf>

Previous issues and a wealth of other safeguarding resources and information is available from:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Looked-after/Virtual.aspx>

### DfE Updates

#### **Conducting a SEND risk assessment during the coronavirus outbreak**

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).

Updated information: This guidance now reflects the SEND regulations changes. It also has added information about how the guidance affects children/young people with an EHC plan and a social worker and new information on how to keep staff and pupils safe and reduce the risk of infection in educational settings.

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

#### **COVID19 Testing (Including Mobile Testing)**

There is a wider range of testing available for staff and the public with possible Covid-19 symptoms and information for the public on how to apply for a test is available [here](#).

Public Mobile Testing: a number of COVID19 mobile testing sites have been established by the military throughout the county. This has included Alnwick Garden, Berwick and they have also informed us that they will be visiting Hexham, and possibly Blyth, Ashington and Bedlington. These mobile testing sites are organised by the military in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the council are not involved in organising these. People MUST [book an appointment online](#) and are not able to just turn up at one of these sites.

### Run a 2K in May from Active Northumberland

Whilst schools have been closed, the **Active Northumberland PE & School Sport Team** have been creating home resources and challenges for the schools they work with. They are today launching a new challenge today to **Run a 2K in May**.

A training plan for children and schools to follow which will end with the Active Northumberland PE Virtual 2K on Friday 29th May has been developed.

Find the training plan and more details of the challenge on the '*Resources for learning at home during school closures in Northumberland*' padlet under 'Keeping Fit and Healthy' at: [https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill\\_finch2/home](https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/home)

### Free Live Webinar from One of Our Partner Providers, NISAI Learning Trust

**Paul Keenleyside**, *Executive Director of the Nisai Education Trust*, will host a live webinar on the 11th May, Monday 1pm - 2pm, to consider how schools can mitigate the impact of 'lock-down' on children with additional needs.

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Schools are currently considering how to reach out, engage, and meet the changing needs of pupils and their families.

This webinar will bring together leading researchers and practitioners to consider:

- the impact of 'lock-down' on learning retention and emotional well-being
- how we will need to think differently about the curriculum for key groups of pupils
- what schools will need to do differently in organizing for support to vulnerable pupils and families

Webinar speakers will be:

- **Prof. Adam Boddison**, Chief Executive Officer of nasen (National Association for Special Educational Needs)
- **Dr. Todd Cunningham**, University of Toronto
- **Fabienne Vailes**, BILT/University of Bristol
- **Trystan Williams**, Principal Venturers' Academy
- **Sam Williamson**, Principal Merchants Academy
- **Nicky Hutchinson**, Mental Health Occupational Therapist

More details from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mitigating-the-impact-of-covid-19-lockdown-on-pupils-with-additional-needs-tickets-104304423338>