

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

VE Day Bank Holiday Friday numbers

Many thanks to the 60 schools and Alternative Providers that were open last Friday on the VE Day Bank Holiday. We had 304 children in attendance, as compared to just 92 on Good Friday.

Prime Minister's address to the nation on coronavirus: 10 May 2020

The full transcript of last night's address can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-address-to-the-nation-on-coronavirus-10-may-2020>

Our plan to rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy

The Government's roadmap for how and when the UK will adjust its response to the COVID-19 crisis can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy>

The key paragraph for schools states:

A phased return for early years settings and schools.

Schools should prepare to begin to open for more children from 1 June. The Government expects children to be able to return to early years settings, and for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to be back in school in smaller sizes, from this point. This aims to ensure that the youngest children, and those preparing for the transition to secondary school, have maximum time with their teachers. Secondary schools and further education colleges should also prepare to begin some face to face contact with Year 10 and 12 pupils who have key exams next year, in support of their continued remote, home learning. The Government's ambition is for all primary school children to return to school before the summer for a month if feasible, though this will be kept under review.

The Department of Education will engage closely with schools and early years providers to develop further detail and guidance on how schools should facilitate this.

NCC PRESS RELEASE: Planning underway in Northumberland for safe return to school

Following last night's announcement by the Prime Minister, planning is underway in Northumberland to consider the safe re-opening of Primary schools, beginning with children in the Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 6.

Further clarity is awaited from the Government; however, it is expected that schools could start to re-open after half term, subject to satisfying the five tests as set out by Government.

Keeping pupils and staff safe in schools remains our top priority. We are reviewing the information provided by the Government and will be working with head teachers in schools across the county to determine what this might look like in Northumberland. We await further guidance and information as to how this will be progressed.

NEW RESOURCES: Northumberland School Improvement Team – School Staff Padlet

This page brings together some of the online training opportunities that are currently available for school staff and, through our newsletter, celebrates some of the amazing work that our schools are doing:

https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/staff

UPDATED RESOURCES: Northumberland School Improvement Team- Home Support

If you are looking for some different activities to do during the week, take a look at some of the links on this padlet. They will be updated weekly so keep returning to this page:

https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/parents