

# Headteachers' Update

## The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

### A Few Details That May Be of Interest

We have reached the end of Week 9 of the school 'closure' period last Friday. Over the course of the nine weeks, we have had 48,004 attendances, we have seen schools open on Bank Holidays for the first time in living memory and we are expecting 52 schools to be open today, Bank Holiday Monday. Around 90 schools will be open for the rest of the half term holiday. We had 83 schools open on Friday with 10 or less pupils in attendance, and a number of those had three or fewer children.

On behalf of Northumberland County Council, I would like to thank every single person who has contributed to this effort and has helped to make such an enormously positive contribution towards supporting our key workers and vulnerable children.

### Locality Headteachers Meeting, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00pm

The Thursday Locality Headteacher meeting for this week has been moved to FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY at 1.00pm. Please note the earlier starting time. This was agreed last week in order that the proposed announcements on the reopening of schools on Thursday could be discussed. Joining details will be provided tomorrow, Tuesday. Please let [Deborah Anderson](#) know who will be representing your locality if it is a different person to usual.

### DFE Updates

As ever at the weekend, a lot of new and updated DfE Guidance was published.

### **Department for Education explanatory note on SAGE modelling**

NEW RESEARCH DOCUMENT: An explanatory note for SAGE's paper assessing the potential impact of more children returning to school on the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-education-explanatory-note-on-sage-modelling>

### **PM confirms schools, colleges and nurseries on track to begin phased reopening**

DfE PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED 24<sup>th</sup> MAY: From 1 June schools, colleges and nurseries are set to open to more children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-confirms-schools-colleges-and-nurseries-on-track-to-begin-phased-reopening>

### **Preparing for the wider opening of early years and childcare settings from 1 June**

NEW DOCUMENT: A planning guide for early years providers, in England, to help prepare them to open their settings for all children from 1 June 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june>

### **Exceptional arrangements for assessment and grading in 2020**

UPDATED TO INCLUDE: Newly issued consultation outcomes and response documents

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-assessment-and-grading-in-2020?utm\\_source=049ee424-bdda-4655-af18-b43aab0c29af&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-assessment-and-grading-in-2020?utm_source=049ee424-bdda-4655-af18-b43aab0c29af&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **Responsibility for autumn GCSE, AS and A level exam series**

NEW DOCUMENT: Expectations for centres on who should be responsible for entering candidates for autumn exams.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/responsibility-for-autumn-gcse-as-and-a-level-exam-series>

### **Awarding qualifications in summer 2020**

Information for schools, students and parents on how GCSE, AS, A level, vocational and technical qualifications will be graded and awarded in summer 2020.

UPDATED TO INCLUDE: Guidance documents for centres and for teachers, students, parents and carers.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm\\_source=d9c5bf7e-552e-4319-b703-54ce6d4f9893&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm_source=d9c5bf7e-552e-4319-b703-54ce6d4f9893&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

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

UPDATED GUIDANCE: 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.

This page has been updated to reflect the publication of Ofqual consultation documents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

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

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Guidance and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19) in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students

A section has been added entitled: 'Preparing for the wider opening of early years and childcare settings from 1 June'.

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

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

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

Added information about Oak National Academy's school packs, which are now available to be downloaded and used by schools.

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

### **Online education resources for home learning**

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Online educational resources for schools and parents to help children to learn at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Updated list of online resources with additional resources organised by key stage

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

### **Stay alert and safe: social distancing guidance for young people**

NEW DOCUMENT; The most important thing we can do is to stay alert, control the virus, and in doing so, save lives.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people?utm\\_source=0d7d531b-fb8a-41f5-939d-2046afa24afe&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-guidance-for-young-people?utm_source=0d7d531b-fb8a-41f5-939d-2046afa24afe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)