

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

Union Contact Details

I am aware that some schools have had a problem with submitting risk assessments to UNISON and the responses received. I have spoken to Liz Sturgeon, our local UNISON branch secretary, who has apologised for the confusion and has provided a new email address (below) for all UNISON correspondence.

For completeness, I have reproduced below all the appropriate union email addresses:

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DfE Updates

Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus outbreak

A summary of attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April.

UPDATED DATA: Interestingly, the data has now been updated to include attendance by year groups following the wider reopening of schools.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings?utm_source=a6a6920a-895b-4d3e-ac5b-3baad430046c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Prime Minister statement at the coronavirus press conference: 10 June 2020

The Prime Minister Boris Johnson gave a statement at the coronavirus press conference on 10 June 2020:

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-at-the-coronavirus-press-conference-10-june-2020?utm_source=c8dc0061-08a2-4e20-870a-a75fc34358c7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do

Frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do?utm_source=23bc4fad-350a-4ede-b7ed-7e124d09c5fe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Education Secretary accelerates T Level roll-out

PRESS RELEASE: Eighty-eight more providers have been selected to deliver T Level qualifications from September 2022 taking the total to over 180 across England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/education-secretary-accelerates-t-level-roll-out>

Introduction of T Levels

UPDATED GUIDANCE: T Levels are due to be introduced from the academic year 2020 to 2021. This updated guidance explains what they are and what they mean for providers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels>

Supporting early career teachers

Information for school leaders, early career teachers or newly qualified teachers on the Early Career Framework and the professional development package.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The guidance on the 'Rollout of Early Career Framework professional development package' has been updated with details about the PIN (prior information notice).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-early-career-teachers>

Children and COVID 19 tests: Communicating with parents/carers about the need for a COVID test for a child

There is a reasonable likelihood that more children will undergo a COVID19 test. On the *Return to School padlet*, there is a link to a [video clip](#) designed for children to explain clearly about the test procedure, and to thereby ease worries. It also highlights the importance of good hand washing.

It could be helpful to include the link in any communication you have with parents/carers about the need for a test. I would urge you to watch the video in advance, however; it is an American made video and so uses a number of 'Americanisms' such as 'Q-Tips' rather than cotton wool buds or whatever name families use. Having said that, it is still the best video that we have come across, so far.

Global Bridge Future Stars 2020 Event 17th June

I now have further details of the Global Bridge Future Stars online event that is being held on the 17th June that some of our schools have expressed an interest in. They can be found at:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FS-Guide-2020-v2.pdf>

Over 100 schools across the country are now registered with at least two overseas schools in attendance, as well. The registration process is in the details link above but you can also contact the organiser, Ben Mason, on +44 (0) 7894279407 or ben@myglobalbridge.com to register.