

# Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

## DfE Updates

### **Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

What childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The guidance has been updated to reflect that early years providers are now able to open for all children and to provide additional information on protective measures.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

### **School funding: exceptional costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Guidance on funding available to schools to support them with costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19).

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The DfE has added information on the impact of schools' financial reserves on eligibility for this funding and details of what support schools can access for the loss of self-generated income, as it is not covered by this fund.

The DfE has also amended the content to confirm that schools should proceed with the phased wider opening and any measures associated with it within existing resources, as any costs incurred as part of that process cannot be claimed through this fund.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools>

### **Prime Minister's statement to the House on COVID-19: 23 June 2020**

STATEMENT: Prime Minister Boris Johnson's statement to the House on coronavirus.

I have included this as it contains the following statement:

*'Wrap-around care for school age children and formal childcare will restart over the summer. Primary and secondary education will recommence in September with full attendance and those children who can already go to school should do so – because it is safe.'*

[https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-statement-to-the-house-on-covid-19-23-june-2020?utm\\_source=a0c35496-a73c-4111-908e-c13a028fba0b&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-statement-to-the-house-on-covid-19-23-june-2020?utm_source=a0c35496-a73c-4111-908e-c13a028fba0b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **DfE Blog: Protective Measures in Primary Schools.**

BLOG: You may not be aware that a DfE blog exists to try to explain the rationale behind the decisions being taken. You can find, along with many older contributions, a new blog on Protective Measures in Primary Schools at:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/>

### **Parliamentary Education Select Committee**

The transcript of the meeting last Wednesday, where the majority of the time was spent hearing evidence from the teaching unions on 'The Impact of COVID19 on Education and Children's Services', can be found at:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/527/html/>

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The video of the session can be found at:

<https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/de64448d-2e6c-4684-b520-822591f4e085>

This morning's meeting had experts providing evidence on the impact of COVID19 on further education and employers. The video can be found at:

<https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/2e707d73-08a9-4e98-b44f-9f9dc87ed6b5>

### **SEN Low Incidence Needs Team Manager**

We are now advertising a new managerial post within our Inclusive Education Services to oversee the service delivery of the Low Incidence Needs Teams; namely Sensory Support, Portage and English as an Additional language. Further information can be found on the North East Jobs website: <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk>.

The closing date for applications is 6th July 2020. Informal enquiries can be made to [nicola.taylor@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.taylor@northumberland.gov.uk).

### **Locality Headteacher Meeting**

This week's Locality Headteacher meeting takes place tomorrow, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 2.00pm. Please let [Deborah Anderson](#) know if you have a change to your locality's representative.

### **Schools' HR Drop-In**

This week's Schools' HR Drop-In session will take place this Friday, 26th June 2020, 9.30 to 10.30 am. You can find the link to join the call here - [HR Drop In Call](#)