

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DFE Updates

PM announces school rebuilding programme

PRESS RELEASE: The Prime Minister has announced a ten-year rebuilding programme for schools across England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-transformative-school-rebuilding-programme>

Get technology support for children and schools during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance for local authorities, academy trusts and schools on how to get digital devices, internet access and support to provide remote education and access to children's social care during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The DfE has updated the existing guidance with various clarifications, including emphasising that devices are for education and social care, adding information on protecting children and young people online, and linking to guidance on loaning or gifting devices.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Extensions to Previously Announced Legislation Changes.

The previously announced changes, modifications or disapplications to the education regulations listed below have all been extended today to cover July 2020:

1. Changes to the law on education, health and care needs assessments and plans due to coronavirus (COVID-19)

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3. Modification notice: education, health and care plans legislation changes

4. Disapplication notice: school attendance legislation changes

5. Disapplication notice: school inspections legislation changes

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/latest?departments%5B%5D=department-for-education>

Transitions Resource

Please note that the link provided on Friday to the Transitions Resource Padlet was incorrect. The full resource is available at

<https://padlet.com/nies1/transitions>

National Audit Office COVID Free School Meals Investigation

The National Audit Office (NAO) has launched an [investigation into the DfE's free school meals voucher scheme](#). The investigation will set out the facts about the free school meals voucher scheme and will consider the Department's objectives and choice of contractor to run the scheme, the scheme's performance and the scheme's forecast and actual costs.

If you would like to provide evidence, please email the investigation team at enquiries@nao.org.uk putting the investigation title ('Free school meals voucher scheme') in the subject line.

More information about [the NAO's work to report on Government's response to the pandemic](#) can be found on their website.

Message from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) Water Safety Team

'This summer, our Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. We are asking you to help us share some important messages to children and their families.

It is anticipated that as restrictions are eased and the summer weather is here, people will head to the beaches and coastline to enjoy the sun, sea and time with friends and family. In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, our local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards do their best to visit as many of the schools, colleges and youth groups in our region as possible. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak we have not been able to engage with school communities as we normally would.

Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time:

- **Download** and use our [Education Resource Pack](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this Summer**. This will help your teams engage young people with essential – and lifesaving – water safety lessons in schools and as part of home school packs.
- **Share** a link to our [Water Safety from Home resources](#) - If you're a parent or teacher looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.

Please help by **sharing** the [RNLI](#) & MCA's [Beach Safety Campaign](#) with parents, guardians and your wider network. Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your teams for all that you are doing to support your community through this unprecedented situation. **Together, we really can make a lifesaving difference.'**