

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

Public Health and Health & Safety Headteacher Update

I am pleased to tell you that we have managed to arrange another joint Public Health and Health & Safety update for headteachers and Governors this **Wednesday, 15th July, at 4pm**. Liz Morgan, John Froud and Amanda Young will all be on the call.

You can join the meeting by following this [here](#).

DfE Updates

UPDATED: Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The DfE has updated its guidance for parents and carers of children attending community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings. It has updated the content to make clear that children will be able to attend all types of dance classes. Also, that clubs and activities for children will only be able to operate in those premises legally able to open.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=bbe9b699-d375-41f2-ba77-609cc78e7026&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

UPDATED: Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The DfE has provided further information on the protective measures needed for providers of community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings offering provision to children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

It has updated the content on considering group sizes (including the position for early years settings which provide care for both those under and over the age of 5). Information has been added on the opening of indoor sports facilities, and when providers will be able to use these venues. The DfE has also made clear that providers should only be operating in premises legally able to open. Links have been added to further relevant guidance providers may need to have regard to.

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Schools, Test and Trace and GDPR

A question was raised at the NE Schools HR network last week about local authorities' and schools' concerns about GDPR requirements when sharing personal identifiable information where the school does not have permission from the owner to share for test and trace purposes.

- See below for the guidance and information with links. This suggests that it is a 'must do' to engage with test and trace as schools must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless it is essential to protect others. The school reopening guidance includes 'must do's' for school on test and trace (paras 7 - 9 of link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-public-health-advice-to-minimise-coronavirus-covid-19-risks>)
- It includes this line: 'Schools must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.'

Middle School Headteachers' Meeting Wednesday 15th July 2pm – 3pm

I would like to invite all middle school headteachers to a meeting this Wednesday, 15th July, at 2pm for an hour to discuss their plans for September.

A group of between three and five middle schools headteachers have met on four occasions over the last few weeks but, as this will be the last meeting of the term, I would like to invite you all to join the meeting. The link for joining the meeting is [here](#).

Curriculum plans for 2020/21

This week Oak National Academy published its [curriculum plans for next year](#), outlining nearly 10,000 lessons and resources that will be available. These free, optional resources are available to support any school with contingency planning and to support both remote and in-school lesson planning. Wherever copyright allows, resources will be downloadable and editable to support lesson planning.

A [series of webinars](#), on how schools can make the most of Oak is also available. There is one each for Primary, Secondary and Specialist schools. These include:

- A flexible plan for Reception to Year 11 that teaches the most popular topics and gives schools the choice over how to order them
- A plan for around 10,000 free lessons that will be available by September.

News & Inspiration (Edition 4)

This 4th and final edition of News & Inspiration for this year includes a special feature of the sporting activities and challenges enjoyed by Northumberland Schools and organised by the Active Northumberland PE and School Sport Team. Make sure you take part in the '10 Days to the Top' challenge before 6pm, Thursday 16th July.

You can find the link [here](#).

Thank you to all the schools who've shared their successes with the School Improvement Team.

Children's Commissioner: Teenagers falling through the gaps

The Children's Commissioner for England has published new **analysis revealing thousands of teenagers in England are falling through the gaps in the school and social care system**. The report sets out the potential risks affecting tens of thousands of teenagers including persistent absence from school, exclusions, alternative provision, dropping out of the school system in Year 11, or going missing from care.

The report highlights the heightened impact of lockdown on the 120,000 teenagers in England – one in 25 of all teens – already slipping out of sight before coronavirus. She also warns these children already at risk could be joined by many more who struggle to adapt to a return to 'normal' after six months out of school. Details can be found [here](#).

Covid-19 and the Early Years

The Sutton Trust has published a short report looking at the impact of the pandemic on young children. More details can be found [here](#).

New Parent Carer Forum for Northumberland SEND

Northumberland has a new Parent Carer Forum for SEND. Please see details in this [flyer](#). The Northumberland Parent Carer Forum is the Department for Education's recognised parent forum in Northumberland and is working with NCC and Northumberland CCG to ensure that the views of families are heard and embedded in planning and decision making. Please share this with all your families.

SEND Survey

This is now the second week of our SEND Survey 'Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on children, young people and their families with SEND in Northumberland'. We have had a terrific response in our first week and have received 321 responses so far. We know there are approximately 7500 children and young people with SEND in Northumberland, so we know that there are many voices that have not yet been heard. I know that you are busy in the last week of term but would ask that you share this flyer and the following details with your families.

Have your say!

Parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities are being asked to help Northumberland County Council understand the impact COVID-19 has had on them and their families.

A survey looking into the impact that COVID19 has had on learning and the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families with SEND in Northumberland is being undertaken.

This will help the Council and Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group better understand how residents can be supported in times such as these and identify anything we may need to do differently moving forwards.

[Please take part in the survey by clicking here.](#)

Families Newcastle Gateshead Magazine.

You will recall that I shared the link a few weeks ago for families to download a copy of the Families Newcastle Gateshead Magazine. The editor has been in touch to say that the summer edition is now available if schools could distribute the link to parents. She sent the following message:

'As you know, we are unable to get our magazines out in print right now. So, as we approach the long summer break, can you please [share the link to our digital summer holiday magazine](#) with your schools and encourage them to share with their families?

The magazine provides endless ideas to help parents keep their children busy, productive, active and entertained including:

- * fun learning activities;
- * sourcing books through the holidays;
- * summer reading challenge;
- * learning to draw;
- * screen-free activities;
- * summer camps, classes, and courses;
- * socialising safely.

Readers can also [win a 12ft Kanga Trampoline](#) and other [goodies](#).

The link for sharing is:

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/newcastle-lock-down3-single?fr=sODM0NjE2NTQyNTA>

I need to point out that the local authority has no link to the magazine or any of the advertisers in the magazine or the promotion of their services.

Potential COVID Cases in Schools

Public Health England have asked that the following statement be shared with schools:

PHE do not need to know about possible cases of COVID in schools. They would only take action/need to know about confirmed cases (unless it is an outbreak).

Contact email is: ICC.NorthEast@phe.gov.uk or telecon **0300 303 8596 option 3**.