

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

NEW GUIDANCE: 10 top tips to encourage children to read

The DfE has published new information to help parents to think about ways to make reading enjoyable and engaging.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

UPDATED: Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

The DfE has updated its information about the re-opening of libraries and has added a link to '10 top tips to encourage children to read'.

Please share this with parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

UPDATED: Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)

The DfE has updated its guidance for nurseries, childcare providers and childminders.

Please share this advice with parents and carers of early years children who have not yet started school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

UPDATED: Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

The DfE has updated its information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home with new information about pupils returning to school in the autumn term.

Please share this with parents.

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

UPDATED: Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

The DfE has updated its advice for parents and carers supporting the home learning of secondary school children (year 7 to 11) and has provided information about pupils returning to school in the autumn term.

Please share this with parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

UPDATED: Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

The DfE has updated its advice for parents and carers who are looking after children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and has provided information about pupils returning to school in the autumn term.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-sen-d-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

September Opening.

This is just to remind you that all documents relating to September opening can be found at <http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/september/>

Update from the School Improvement Team

Since the start of lockdown we have been keen to support schools, staff, pupils and parents. With this in mind, we developed a '[Home Learning Pack](#)' which could supplement the home learning resources provided by individual schools. As the pack developed, we introduced a '[What's on this Week](#)' page linked to special events each week. These resources will continue to be available throughout the summer and beyond.

As the year comes to an end we have produced two additional resources: '[Boredom Busters](#)' and '[Ready for September!](#)'. Feel free to share the links as far as you can to support families over the summer and beyond.

Since March we have also been keen to share some of the amazing work schools were undertaking in these unprecedented times. So our 'News and Inspiration' newsletter was developed. To date we have produced four editions and would like to thank all the schools that contributed their news, videos and inspirational stories. All the news stories from across the county can be viewed [here](#) on our interactive map.

Exceptional costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19)

School Finance would like to remind schools that the online claim form should be completed by **21 July** for eligible exceptional costs associated with covid-19. The links to guidance for schools from the DfE can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/school-funding-exceptional-costs-associated-with-coronavirus-covid-19-for-the-period-march-to-july-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/claiming-exceptional-costs-associated-with-coronavirus-covid-19/exceptional-costs-associated-with-coronavirus-covid-19-2>

If you have any queries in relation to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your NCC accountancy contact and they will be happy to assist.

Health & Safety Update last night.

Many thanks to all those headteachers, governors and colleagues who attended the Public Health and Health & Safety Update last night. I hope that you found it to be useful.

There wasn't a presentation from Liz Morgan, Director of Public Health, as Liz just gave an update and took questions.

Below you will find the H&S presentation that John Froud used last night and an updated H&S Briefing document.

[Health and Safety Briefing - 15 July - Slides](#)
[Health and Safety Briefing Document for Schools](#)

The requirement for Daily Act of Collective Worship

In answer to a question from the Northumberland SACRE it has been confirmed by the DfE today that the requirement for a [daily act of collective worship](#) still stands from September (unless pupils have been withdrawn by their parents/guardians). This will be made more difficult as assemblies are unlikely to take place in many schools, which is where the requirement has traditionally been fulfilled.