

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

5 O'Clock Updates

As you are aware, the 5 O'Clock Update is only being published each Tuesday and Friday during the school summer holiday period. Next week, however, it will be published a day later on WEDNESDAY 29th July rather than Tuesday. Friday will be as usual.

MHRA - Medical Device Alert - Fluid Resistant Face Mask (type IIR) - Cardinal Health

An [alert](#) has been issued by the MHRA in relation to specific batches of facemasks supplied by Cardinal Health. Please check any supplies which are held within your school or which have been issued to staff. If facemasks from the affected batches are found, they should be disposed of.

Catch up funding

This week the DfE published more information about its new catch up premium and the national tutoring offer to help school-aged children recover some of their lost learning. Schools' allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in years reception through to 11. Funding will be provided in three tranches. Special, AP and hospital schools will be provided with £240 for each place for the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

To further support schools to implement their catch-up plans effectively, the Education Endowment Foundation will be publishing a quick guide to implementation for 2020 to 2021 in August 2020.

More details can be found [here](#).

Start of the £350 million Covid catch-up National Tutoring Programme is being delayed.

The Education Secretary has said the reason why the start of the £350 million Covid catch-up National Tutoring Programme is being [delayed until the second half of the autumn term](#) is so that teachers have time to assess what pupils' needs are. There are more details [here](#).

DfE Updates

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Local lockdowns: guidance for education and childcare settings

What schools, colleges, nurseries, childminders, early years and other educational settings need to do if there's a local lockdown during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

This guidance has been updated to reflect the announcement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care that the local lockdown area boundaries in Leicester and the local area have now changed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-lockdowns-guidance-for-education-and-childcare-settings>

NEW GUIDANCE: Coronavirus (COVID-19): changes to faith school admission arrangements

This is new guidance on changes to faith oversubscription criteria in faith school admission arrangements which have been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-faith-school-admission-arrangements>

UPDATED GUIDANCE: 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.

The DFE has updated this guidance to reflect that early years settings can return to normal group sizes. It includes content from the Planning guide so that all the information is in one place from now on and the Planning guide is deleted. The guidance also includes updated information about autumn funding, wraparound care, managing requests for site visits for new admissions in September, data collection changes and reporting to Ofsted.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures?utm_source=3807b822-ed59-4cac-ae4f-fe161d93fc08&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

NEW INFORMATION: Awarding qualifications in summer 2020

The DfE has provided information for schools, students and parents on how GCSE, AS, A level, vocational and technical qualifications will be graded and awarded in summer 2020.

It has updated the links to include content from Ofqual's Summer Symposium, held on Tuesday 21 July 2020 and a factsheet & video for centres on awarding grades in summer 2020.

RELATED NEWS STORY: A-level and GCSE results to be higher this summer
GCSE and A-level results in England will be higher this summer, as exam boards plan to be more lenient. The watchdog Ofqual says the numbers achieving good grades will be 2 per cent higher at A-level and 1 per cent at GCSE.

[BBC Online](#)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm_source=4a657988-7952-40c8-be3d-483ed545a02b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

UPDATED GUIDANCE: 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.

This guidance has been updated to clarify that all local authorities and academy trusts have been invited to order devices, that the majority of devices have been delivered and to set out the delivery timeline going forward.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=b30c2710-0a01-4237-871b-a30a72ed907a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care

Preventing and controlling infection, including the use of PPE, in education, childcare and children's social care settings during the coronavirus outbreak.

The DfE has updated its guidance to clarify advice on the system of controls measures including PPE and the NHS test and trace process.

NOTE FROM CHRISTINA PONTING: Nothing in this seems to change what was said before that PPE is the exception in schools (section 6). It adds some additional clarity re transport, home visits, home/hospital tuition, children who regularly spit/require physical contact, changing, first aid, young children and social distancing, how PPE should be worn, etc. However, we believe that a lot of this was included in the guidance already. The position, therefore, remains the same that PPE in schools is not the norm and is worn by exception.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care?utm_source=9bf0f240-1f17-488c-ae3b-16d2ad94681e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

DfE ARTICLE: Parenting under lockdown

The DfE has published an article which looks at how parents in Great Britain have been trying to balance caring for their children with working from home.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/parenting-under-lockdown?utm_source=96604043-21d0-46a5-b2d4-d6e4835c2176&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

SCHOOLS WEEK REPORT: New financial transparency rules for LA schools: everything you need to know

On Wednesday, the government [published its response](#) to a consultation aimed at bringing the financial transparency of local authority schools in line with academies.

Other changes include councils being named and shamed for filing financial returns late and for all council-maintained schools to submit three-year budgets and details of related-party transactions.

https://schoolsweek.co.uk/new-financial-transparency-rules-for-la-schools-everything-you-need-to-know/?mc_cid=c366f8bad3&mc_eid=70c37b11dc