

# Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

## DfE Updates

### **UPDATED: Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak**

What all schools will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term.

The DfE has updated the guidance on 'Remote education support' in 'Section 5: Contingency planning for outbreaks'.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm\\_source=17b00d2c-a257-4336-af7f-2e7b3e134649&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=17b00d2c-a257-4336-af7f-2e7b3e134649&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **NEWS: Government urges universities to hold places**

The Universities Minister has written to all Vice-Chancellors asking them to hold places for students appealing their A level results

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-urges-universities-to-hold-places>

### **NEW GUIDANCE: Laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers provided during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The DfE has provided new guidance for local authorities, academy trusts and schools on managing Department for Education (DfE) devices provided for children, families and young adults most in need.

### **DfE PRESS RELEASE: Multi-million-pound funding package for school transport**

New funding for local authorities to ease pressure on public transport as children return in September  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multi-million-pound-funding-package-for-school-transport>

### **NEWS STORY: The fairest possible way to recognise students' achievements this year - by Roger Taylor, Chair**

This article is by Roger Taylor, the Ofqual Chair, as first published in Sunday Telegraph 9 August 2020.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-fairest-possible-way-to-recognise-students-achievements-this-year-by-roger-taylor-chair?utm\\_source=9db9096f-8244-4ada-a0cf-1e899ae36e46&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-fairest-possible-way-to-recognise-students-achievements-this-year-by-roger-taylor-chair?utm_source=9db9096f-8244-4ada-a0cf-1e899ae36e46&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **Exam Results; What's next?' Live forum**

Exam season can be an incredibly stressful and uncertain time for young people – and even more so in the current climate with many studying remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NHS Northumberland CCG has recently commissioned Kooth.com which is a digital mental health tool to help support children and young people between 11 and 25.

Members of the Kooth team will be sharing their advice and experiences from 10th to 20th August and there is a Live Forum planned on 14th August called 'Exam Results; What's next?'.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/laptops-tablets-and-4g-wireless-routers-provided-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=f6f5deed-5f9f-4cf6-b0aa-71881a1e3215&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/laptops-tablets-and-4g-wireless-routers-provided-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=f6f5deed-5f9f-4cf6-b0aa-71881a1e3215&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**NEW GUIDANCE: Get laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The DfE has published new guidance on how schools can access digital devices for children requiring access to remote education due to shielding or local coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-laptops-and-tablets-for-children-who-cannot-attend-school-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=5bf38e89-9406-4a8c-a9f5-3c85dc4ea8b8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-laptops-and-tablets-for-children-who-cannot-attend-school-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=5bf38e89-9406-4a8c-a9f5-3c85dc4ea8b8&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**UPDATED: Get help with technology during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Guidance for local authorities, academy trusts and schools on devices and support available to provide remote education and access to children's social care.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=cc25cceb-42da-460d-af5c-9d2af67100a8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=cc25cceb-42da-460d-af5c-9d2af67100a8&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Head over to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) between 7:30pm - 9pm to take part. Please share the following links on your social media platforms and with relevant networks:

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CDbL0PXIVqd/>

Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/XenZone\\_UK/status/1290245617462083585](https://twitter.com/XenZone_UK/status/1290245617462083585)

FB:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=219106602747384>

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6696014349565349888>

You can access the Exam support posters by [clicking here](#)

**Local Government Association (LGA) Update: Schools**

'As we look ahead to September and the national effort to return all children to schools, the Prime Minister said there was a "moral duty" to achieve this and that it was the "national priority" after months without in-person education. [Writing in the Mail on Sunday](#), Boris Johnson indicated that pubs, restaurants and shops would close ahead of schools in the event of any future local lockdowns\*\*\*\*