

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DFE Updates

[Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak: 23 March to 10 September 2020](#)

Page summary - A summary of attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April 2020.

[School complaints procedures: guidance for maintained schools](#)

Page summary - How local authority-maintained schools and maintained nurseries can set up or review their complaints procedures.

Change made - Updated 'Handling complaints during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak' section.

[Recruiting teachers from overseas](#)

Page summary - How schools can hire teachers who are not UK or Irish nationals and get help using a Department for Education (DfE) programme.

Change made - First published.

[Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](#)

Page summary - What all special schools and other specialist settings will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term to support the return of children and young people with special education needs and disability (SEND).

Change made - Amended the information on risk assessments for those with an education, health and care plan.

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Page summary - What childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - Updated the section on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if a child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

[Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

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

Change made - Updated the section on managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Informing Northumberland County Council of School Closures due to COVID-19

Please note that should you need to make the decision to close your school as a result of COVID-19 infection, you should inform the County Council **in the same way as for any school closure** i.e.

Send an email to school.closures@northumberland.gov.uk at the earliest opportunity after the decision to close has been made, providing detail on when the school will be closed from and when it will re-open if known.

The School Admissions and Inclusion Manager at County Hall should also be copied into the email schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk, giving the reason for closure and the duration of the closure.