

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

[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 - Added new content on face coverings, toothbrushing, local lockdowns, music, dance and drama, pregnant women, visitors, visits, informal childcare, EYFS disapplications, supporting wellbeing, SEND legislation, journeys, dual settings, reopening of building emergency first aid, Job retention Bonus Scheme. Updated information on funding to align with other funding guidance, employer health and safety and equalities duties, shielding and safeguarding, managing COVID-19 cases.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) catch-up premium](#)

Page summary - What school leaders need to know about the catch-up premium and the National Tutoring Programme, including funding amounts and how funding should be spent.

Change made - Updated 'Payments' section to include further details about allocations and clarified the list of eligible settings.

Time updated - 2:00pm, 23 September 2020

[Boosting children's physical activity in school](#)

Page summary - The Department for Education has launched new online resources to inspire children to get active to mark National Fitness Day 2020.

Change made - First published.

[Providing school meals during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Page summary - Guidance for schools and local authorities on school meals arrangements during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - Added link to guidance on free school meals from the Lead Association for Catering in Education.

[School teachers' pay and conditions](#)

Page summary - Statutory guidance on pay and conditions for teachers in England.

Change made - Updated with 'School teachers' pay and conditions document 2020 and guidance on school teachers' pay and conditions (valid from 1 September 2020)'.

[Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own](#)

Page summary - This page explains when to wear a face covering, exemptions from wearing one, and how to make your own face covering.

Change made - Changes have been made to the following sections: 'When to wear a face covering', 'Enforcement measures for failing to comply with this law', 'When you do not need to wear a face covering' and 'Face coverings at work'.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): initial teacher training \(ITT\)](#)

Page summary - Information for providers about managing initial teacher training courses impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made - Added back in information to confirm that ITT trainees are included in the definition of a critical worker. ITT mentors and tutors are considered visitors to a school and are not critical workers.

[Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in schools and further education colleges](#)

Page summary - Actions for schools and further education colleges when using the NHS COVID-19 app in education settings.

Change made - First published.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): test kits for schools and FE providers](#)

Page summary - Guidance for schools and further education (FE) providers on the initial supply of coronavirus (COVID-19) home testing kits for pupils, teachers and staff.

Change made - Updated content to confirm that schools and FE providers ordering additional test kits will be provided with one box of 10 kits per 1,000 pupils or students.

Schools with NQTs

If you have an NQT please remember that you MUST sign up with an Appropriate Body, as well as with an Early Career Framework provider. ECF providers are not acting as Appropriate Bodies. It is a legal requirement to have an Appropriate Body in place. You can sign up to the Northumberland LA Appropriate Body SLA via the SLA portal. Please contact [Dave Cookson](#) if you have any queries.

Get Laptops and Tablets (DfE) - LA Maintained Schools

We have now been given access to the latest DfE IT Kit scheme. This time, schools will be able to order the devices directly via the DfE, rather than through the Local Authority. Devices will be available for, "disadvantaged children in years 3 to 11 and those in any year group who are affected by disruption to face to face education at their school, or have been advised to shield because they are clinically extremely vulnerable".

To access the ordering process we need to provide the DfE with a named contact at each school. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE NAMED CONTACT TO BE THE HEADTEACHER please add an alternative contact [via this form](#) by Friday.

Northumberland COVID-19 Dashboard

As discussed at the locality heads meeting today, the dashboard showing cases of COVID-19 down toward level is available [here](#). Introductory notes will appear first, scroll down and on the right hand side towards the bottom is the link to the maps/graphs/statistics.