

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

[Responsibility for autumn exams](#)

Page summary - Guidance for schools and colleges on who should enter students for autumn exams, the health arrangements for exams and the support DfE is providing.

Change made - Updated information on public health arrangements for autumn exams to include information on autumn exam contingencies, candidate health and reasonable adjustments.

[Remote education good practice](#)

Page summary - Good practice to support school leaders in developing their remote education contingency plans.

Change made - First published.

[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 section on remote education expectations and support.

What's On This Month

The Primary School Improvement Team will be continuing to produce a 'What's on this month' slide throughout the coming months. We hope that it will provide an additional range of resources and activities for any of your pupils in isolation as well as being a useful addition to your curriculum plans in school.

[Here](#) is the slide for October and a new slide will be produced for the start of each month.

Face Coverings Animation

The communications team have produced a brief animation aimed at pupils about how face coverings can be worn appropriately. It can be viewed [here](#).

Coronavirus School Funds for exceptional costs arising from Covid-19 and Coronavirus Catch Up Premium

The ESFA has made an initial payment in respect of the **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Schools Fund for those exceptional costs** arising from Covid-19 and the partial re-opening of schools during the summer term. At this stage the only schools to have been paid are those which claimed solely for the three eligible categories of **premises, free school meals** and **cleaning** costs, and did not include any other costs. A total of £151,307 was paid to 37 maintained schools in August (Code 300016 CS1001).

As indicated prior to the deadline, other costs not within these 3 categories are subject to further assessment by the ESFA. The ESFA indicates these payments may be made in November though this could be subject to delay.

While the original claim deadline was 21 July 2020, the ESFA have also previously said that there will be a further opportunity to claim in the autumn term, where you will be able to claim for further costs incurred during the period up to the end of summer term in July. Further information in relation to this is still awaited.

Further information on the Coronavirus School Funds for exception costs is available [HERE](#).

The above funding should not be confused with the Coronavirus (covid-19) Catch Up premium which is being paid to schools to use for specific activities to support their pupils to catch up for lost teaching over the previous months, in line with the guidance on curriculum expectations for the next academic year.

Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way for their cohort and circumstances. Further guidance on eligibility and funding is available [HERE](#) .

Claims do not need to be submitted in respect of this funding. Funding based on the figure of £80 per pupil for mainstream schools or £240 per place for special schools (based on Reception to Year 11 pupils) will be paid in 3 tranches. For maintained schools, an initial payment based on 25% of the overall figure due was paid to the local authority on 30 September and will be reflected in end of September financial reports. Academies will receive their funding directly from the ESFA on or around the 8 October.