

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

[Get laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Page summary - How schools, colleges, academy trusts and local authorities can access digital devices for children who are learning remotely.

Change made - Updated to include further information on device allocation, when and when not to order devices and help on ordering.

[Remote education good practice](#)

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

Change made - First published.

[Get help with remote education](#)

Page summary - Information, guidance and support for teachers and leaders on educating children during the coronavirus outbreak.

Change made - Updated information about remote learning support, schools' duty and expectations.

[New remote education support for schools, colleges and teachers](#)

Page summary - Extra resources announced to support delivery of remote education, including 100,000 additional devices and increased peer to peer support for teachers.

Change made - First published.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel corridors](#)

Page summary - List of countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate.

Change made - Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba, Poland and Turkey have been removed from the England travel corridors list at 4am, Saturday 3 October 2020.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel advice for educational settings](#)

Page summary - Advice for educational settings, and their students and staff, who are travelling or planning to travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - Added links to the latest advice on travel for children under 18 organised by educational settings.

[Package of support for students who have to defer their studies](#)

Page summary - Details on a range of opportunities to gain new skills, undertake work placements, additional learning and career development support.

Change made - Added links to resources for Ministry of Defence, University Officer Cadets, Network Rail/TfL, Volunteering Matters, coronavirus testing centre jobs opportunities and contact details for Bombardier.

[School exclusion](#)

Page summary - Statutory guidance on the exclusion of pupils from local-authority-maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units.

Change made - Updated the guidance on changes to the school exclusion process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to highlight changes to the exclusions process from 25 September 2020.

[Ofsted COVID-19 series](#)

Page summary - Briefing notes and a commentary from Amanda Spielman about providers that we have visited or spoken to during the interim phase of our return to routine inspection.

Change made - First published.

[Ofsted: School leaders determined pupils won't become 'the COVID generation'](#)

Page summary - Ofsted has published the first reports on how schools and children's homes are addressing the needs of children at this time.

Change made - First published.

PPE

Please find [here](#) a list of suppliers who schools will now be able to contact for your PPE supplies. This will enable you to place your order directly with them from this point onwards and you will no longer have to come through the School Organisation Team for supplies.

Please note that those schools who have already placed an order recently for PPE via the School Organisation Team will be contacted and will have their order delivered.

Going forward, if schools have difficulty for some reason in sourcing supplies through the attached list, then please email Jacqui.Pearson@northumberland.gov.uk or ring 07989 218614 to discuss your requirements.

Face Coverings Animation (updated)

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

Providing Remote Education

The government has published a Temporary Continuity Direction setting a clear expectation on the high-quality remote education students should receive if they have to stay home. This is not an additional ask on schools, it simply confirms in law what was set out in the guidance published in July. A summary of the help available to provide such remote education has also been published and is available [here](#).

The LA also published resources to help with remote education:

[Early Years](#)

[Other key stages](#)

[What's on this month](#) - this might provide some context for activities schools may wish to plan.

Infection Control Video

Northumbria Healthcare Trust have produced an infection control/COVID-19 video appropriate for secondary and high schools. The video lasts for 16 minutes and NHT would like schools to share it via assemblies or their online platform (for those pupils who are isolating/quarantining).

The video is available via You Tube [here](#) or the Northumberland Education website [here](#). If you have any feedback on the video please contact [David Street](#), and he will pass it onto the team behind the video.