

Headteachers' Update

For Schools and Academies

DfE Updates

[Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Page summary - Understand how to follow safeguarding procedures when planning remote education strategies and teaching remotely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - Page updated with reference to local restrictions and links to new resources.

[Early years foundation stage statutory framework \(EYFS\)](#)

Page summary - The standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

Change made - Updated 'early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications' to reflect that the original disapplications ended on 25 September and the new regulations which came into force on the 26 September.

[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 to provide further information on the distribution of test kits for symptomatic staff and how schools and FE providers can look up their unique organisation number (if they have not received it).

Covid19 School Model Risk Assessment – version 4.1

The latest revision of the model school risk assessment template is now available and can be accessed [via this link](#). These are mostly minor updates/changes.

As with the previous revisions, the changes made to the risk assessment have been highlighted (in purple text) to make the process of updating your own school risk assessment easier. Sections which can now be removed have been 'striked out'. Further information on the changes made are also detailed in the table at the end of the document. Much of the Additional Information section has been moved to the bottom of the document.

Please ensure that previous versions of your own risk assessment are retained so it is clear what arrangements were in place within the school at any given time. Consideration should also be given, in the interest of transparency, to making a copy of your risk assessment available on the school website (this is something which the HSE has indicated they would expect to see), however, the final decision on this lies with the Head/Governing Body.

Previously issued school specific health and safety information can also be found on the Corporate Health and Safety team area of the NCC staff portal.

The Corporate Health and Safety Team are able to provide advice on specific issues or concerns and can be contacted via healthandsafety@northumberland.gov.uk or by contacting one of the school health and safety advisors:

- [Amanda Young](#)
- [Nigel Chopping](#)
- [Bryony Smith](#)
- [John Froud](#)

Guidance for schools and local authorities on school meals arrangements during the coronavirus

To remind schools that you have a responsibility to continue to provide a school meal or food parcel for those children that are entitled to free school meals who are isolating.

Schools should work with their suppliers to prepare meals or food parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who are not in attendance because they:

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)
- are not attending as a result of local lockdown arrangements

Covid-19 in Northumberland – School Snapshot

A snapshot of school cases is available [here](#).