

# Headteachers' Update

For Schools and Academies

## DfE Updates

### [EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges: successful applicants](#)

Page summary - A list of successful applicants who applied to the EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges programme.

Change made - Added expanded network of EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges.

### [Face coverings in education](#)

Page summary - Guidance on the use of face coverings for schools and other education institutions that teach people in years 7 and above in England.

Change made - Updated guidance to align with the local COVID alert level framework.

### [Keeping children safe in out-of-school settings](#)

Page summary - Information for providers, parents and carers on keeping children safe in community activities, after-school clubs, tuition, sports training and other out-of-school settings.

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 information on Prevention, Other considerations (system of controls), Response to any infection, Pupils travelling from abroad, Attendance, Workforce, Safeguarding, School uniform, Wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity, Behaviour expectations, Hospital schools and Contingency planning for outbreaks.

### [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 - On 16 October 2020 – amended information on local COVID alert levels and tiers of restriction (section 3), staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable (section 3), children who are shielding (section 4) and informal childcare (section 5).

## Schools HR Updated Contact Details from September 2020

We have a number of Schools HR Advisors within the team, but have a flat line management structure with no team leader/ senior post holder, in addition some of the team have variable hours. We are also keen that all general enquires including those linked to pay, contracts, SLA's, requests for updates, clarification, wider project support and other general queries (even where they are school specific) are routed through the Schools HR Service/ Helpline - which will not only allow us to determine who is the best placed team member to offer support, but will also allow us to ensure that the majority of queries are managed via the Service/Helpline allowing the HR Advisors to focus on their own individual schools and case work.

The HR Helpline/ Service Line details are as follows:

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