

Headteachers' Update

For Schools and Academies

[School leadership support](#)

Page summary - How school leaders can get help from system leaders to overcome challenges they have faced following the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - First published.

[Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings](#)

Page summary - List of critical workers (key workers) who can send their children to school or other educational settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made - Updated link to the new national restrictions which came into force on Thursday 5 November 2020.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Page summary - Information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term.

Change made - Added a link to the new national restrictions from 5 November guidance.

[Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings](#)

Page summary - Actions for leaders and staff when using the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings.

Change made - The requirements on displaying QR codes have been updated alongside the information classified as necessary or required. Links to wraparound care and early years providers guidance have also been added.

Coronavirus Posters

5 posters have been created that you may wish to display in areas of your school. You can download the posters from [this page](#).

Local Authority Public Health Team Review: Lessons learned messages for educational settings

Throughout our work over the last term there have been some common themes of best practice that have been identified. We are sharing these [here](#) in case there is learning that may further help other schools and settings.

Update: Scope of Permissible Educational/Offsite Visits – W/C 9th Nov 2020

This update follows on from last week's message sent to all Educational Visits Coordinators via the Evolve system¹. The following brief summary is derived from the DfE², Outdoor Education Advisers Panel³ and National Youth Agency⁴. All are drawn upon to inform our policy and practice.

- Non-overnight domestic educational visits can take place, with thorough risk management, but during current national restrictions travel into or out of local areas should be avoided;
- Establishments can continue to work with external providers if they are satisfied that it is safe to do so;
- Overnight and overseas visits with children under 18 are currently not allowed;
- Extra-curricular activities (such as school clubs) are allowed only if they provide registered childcare, respite care, or are necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education.

Further updates will be sent to the designated Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) and Head at each establishment via the Evolve system. EVC's are advised to ensure email addresses for all staff are kept up to date in the Evolve system and that all are staff reminded to monitor their email inbox for messages from "EVOLVE".

If there are any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Nigel Chopping, Health and Safety Adviser for Educational/Offsite Visits, Corporate Health and Safety Team.

¹ NCC Online system for approval of Educational/Offsite Visits -

[Evolve](#)

² DfE [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - guidance for full opening schools](#)

³ OEAP National Guidance – [4.4k Coronavirus](#)

⁴ NYA [COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[Covid 19 - Social distancing around schools](#)

I know times are hard right now and we are asked to do a lot, but we really need to work together and do our bit.

I know it is tempting to catch up after dropping off or picking up your children, but it is important that we keep our distance and don't congregate at this time.

We are doing our bit to keep your children safe in school. Help us by doing your bit as well. Protect yourself, protect others and protect Northumberland.

Link for animation - <https://youtu.be/bPzalrAx8Js>