

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing in schools and colleges: grant funding](#)

Page summary: Conditions of grant funding for the national roll-out of rapid mass testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools and colleges.

Change made: Updated with information on payments for testing conducted in summer term 2021.

[Senior mental health lead training](#)

Page summary: Find out about the grant funding and training schools and colleges can get to help develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Change made: First published.

[Summer schools programme](#)

Page summary: Details of the summer schools programme for secondary schools including funding, requirements for running a summer school and best practice evidence.

Change made: We have added clarification that schools may include pupils from any of their year groups (response to queries from schools) and that schools can pay their staff an agreed flat rate rather than payment at salary, expectations for the June confirmation form for schools, how and when schools can bid for additional places and links to more resources. We have added new content to reflect changes to SEND/AP funding and new funding for upper schools and new schools. We have also added the conditions of funding for schools and local authorities.

[Reforms to teacher development](#)

Page summary: Outline of the reforms to initial teacher training (ITT), the early career framework (ECF) and replacements for national professional qualifications (NPQs).

Change made: First published.

[How to complete the educational setting status form](#)

Page summary: This data will help the government monitor the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on settings, focus support more effectively and keep children safe.

Change made: Updated 'Questions for schools: educational settings status form'.

[More support for schools and colleges to tackle sexual abuse](#)

Page summary: Schools to be encouraged to dedicate staff training to handling sexual abuse and harassment.

Change made: First published.

Education Recovery Package, June 2021

On 2 June 2021, the Department for Education announced the next step in the government's plans to support children and young people make up lost education as a result of the pandemic. This builds on the previous announcements in June 2020 and February 2021. You can read the factsheet that accompanied the announcement [here](#).

For action by 30 June 2021: coronavirus (COVID-19) no recourse to public funds: free school meals

The Department for Education (DfE) have published additional guidance to assist schools in making a claim for additional pupil premium funding if both of the following criteria apply:

- if at any time between 1 April 2020 and 1 October 2020 you had any pupils eligible for free school meals under the temporary extension granted to some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- these pupils were on the school roll on the date of the October census (1 October 2020)

You can access the guidance at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-no-recourse-to-public-funds-free-school-meals>

This involves the DfE temporarily extended free school meal eligibility to include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

These groups are:

- children of Zambrano carers
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 **who are also** subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

Further information regarding eligibility is available [HERE](#).

You can read more guidance for schools and local authorities on school meals arrangements during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance>

Safety Alert - Gama Healthcare: Clinell Universal Wipes

A field safety alert has been issued in relation to Clinell wipes manufactured by Gama Healthcare. This relates to contaminated batches (lot numbers can be found in the alert) which were distributed between 11 September 2020 and the end of December 2020.

Schools should check their supplies of wipes and identify and remove from stock any from the effected batches. These should be returned to the company (unless you have a facility for these to be destroyed). A reply form is included in the field notice.

PCR testing for close contacts

This template letter, available [here](#), should be sent to any close contacts of lateral flow tests when the contact has had a positive confirmatory PCR test.

Reception Baseline Information

The [Reception Baseline Assessment \(RBA\)](#) will be statutory in schools from September 2021.

Schools will shortly receive their assessment resource pack. This will include important information about how they can get ready for the assessment in the lead up to the summer holidays.

If your school does not receive this delivery by the end of June, you should contact the RBA helpline on 0330 088 4171 or email receptionbaseline@nfer.ac.uk.

To help schools prepare for the RBA, headteachers were sent an email with a link to a short online form. This form captures key information about their school and gives headteachers the opportunity to nominate an RBA lead to oversee the day-to-day running of the assessment.

Headteachers should complete the confirmation form by Friday 18 June. If your school has not received a link, please contact the RBA helpline on 0330 088 4171 or email receptionbaseline@nfer.ac.uk.

Active School Hero award

UK Active currently have nominations open for their Active School hero Award.

The award recognises a primary school staff member who has championed physical activity, sport & movement within their school.

Nominations close on Friday 11th June.

If you know someone who deserves to be nominated head to - [Active School Hero](#)