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**Subject:** 2 November – Coronavirus – Daily update to all early years, children’s social care, schools and further education providers

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This message is just a reminder to remain vigilant. If in any doubt, please contact the IT Service Desk or Cyber Security Officer.



This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government’s response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

## **New national restrictions to come into force on Thursday 5 November**

On Saturday 31 October, the Prime Minister announced [new national restrictions](#) that will come into force on Thursday 5 November for 4 weeks until Wednesday 2 December.

We will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and will not be closing early years settings, schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school.

Until Thursday 5 November, the relevant [Local COVID Alert Level](#) measures will continue to apply in the area where you live. From Thursday, the national restrictions replace the local restrictions in your area.

## **Reopening of schools and colleges after the half term break**

Schools and colleges should resume completing the [daily attendance form](#) on the first day that your school or college reopens after half term. Information on completing the form can be found in our guidance on [how to complete the educational setting status form](#).

As children and young people return after the half term break, please follow the guidance for [schools](#) and [colleges](#) on what to do if you have a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools and colleges should not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation.

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The information below hasn't changed since our last update

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## **Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline – opening hours**

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care.

Please listen carefully to all of the available options before selecting the most appropriate option for your nursery, school, college or university.

Please select option 1 or 2 if you require specific advice on the action to take to respond to a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your setting. This option will take you through to a dedicated team of NHS Business Services Authority advisors who will work through a risk assessment with you to identify close contacts and will inform you what action is needed based on the latest public health advice.

Please select option 3 or 4 for any other questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

## **Look up your unique organisation number (UON)**

If you have not received your unique organisation number (UON) for ordering new coronavirus (COVID-19) test kits you can [look it up using your unique reference number \(URN\) or your UK provider reference number \(UKPRN\)](#) or by calling the Test and Trace helpdesk on 119

## **Department for Education guidance**

Our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be accessed using the links below:

- [Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Guidance for schools](#)
- [Guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [Guidance for local authority children's services](#)

- [Guidance for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings](#)