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**Subject:** 5 March – 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). If you have colleagues who would like to receive this email directly, please ask them to use this [subscription form](#).

## **Delivery of testing kits for secondary schools and colleges**

Schools and colleges should have been receiving deliveries of home test kits for staff since Wednesday 24 February, and additional stock for the three on-site tests (ATS) for pupils and students returning to school or college since Monday 1 March.

Next week (Monday 8 to Friday 12 March), deliveries will include a stock of home test kits for students and pupils to collect after their third test in school or college. Details of the deliveries can be found in the [schools and colleges document sharing platform](#).

## **Reporting missing deliveries using the contact us form**

Primary schools, attached nurseries, maintained nursery schools, secondary schools and colleges can use the [contact us form](#) to report any missing or damaged deliveries.

Before submitting a report for a missing delivery please check that another member of staff has not accepted the delivery. The cut-off point for orders is every Wednesday at 5pm. Orders are usually delivered within 7 working days. If you place your order after the cut-off point, please allow 12 working days to receive your delivery.

If you wish to report a missing delivery which you were expecting, based on a published delivery schedule (currently applicable to secondary schools and colleges), please allow up to 48 hours for re-delivery attempts. If your delivery is still outstanding, please use the contact us form to alert us to the issue.

## **Ordering laptops after Monday 8 March**

Schools that have not yet ordered their full allocation of laptops will still be able to place orders once pupils return on 8 March. You can do this by signing in to our [get help with technology service](#).

If you experience disruption due to coronavirus (COVID-19) after 8 March, you will still be able to [request internet access](#) for disadvantaged pupils.

## **Further education students travelling from red list countries**

We have published new [guidance on quarantine arrangements for boarding school students from red list countries](#). This

guidance may apply to some further education providers who have students from red list countries. These settings should contact their ESFA territorial lead who will be able to provide them with a letter confirming that the student is covered by an exception, as set out in the guidance. This allows students under 18 to quarantine in their residential accommodation rather than in a hotel if they are travelling alone.

## **Updated guidance on actions for further education (FE) colleges and providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

We have updated our guidance on [actions for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) to include information on physical activity and sports, requesting free data for students who are unable to access remote digital education and the 16 to 19 tuition fund.

We have also updated the information on examinations and assessments to align with the [guidance on awarding qualifications in summer 2021](#).

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The information below has not changed since our last update

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

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have 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

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

## **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](#)