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Subject: 9 February – Coronavirus – Daily update to all early years, children’s social care, schools and further education providers

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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](#).

Update to the public health guidance to support exams from January 2021

We have updated the [public health guidance to support exams from January 2021](#) to include information on scheduled assessments in February and March. These should only go ahead where they examine occupational or professional competency.

Asymptomatic testing in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools – frequently asked questions

In response to sector feedback, we are continuing to update our frequently asked questions on asymptomatic testing in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools. The updates have been made to:

- change the 90 days re-testing approach to align the education sector guidance with the rest of the lateral flow device antigen testing guidance issued by NHS Test and Trace
- clarify arrangements for all-through schools
- clarify that staff who have been vaccinated should follow the guidance in the same way as someone who has not been vaccinated
- include those supporting with wraparound childcare

The frequently asked questions can be found on the [primary school document sharing platform](#).

Safer Internet Day 2021

To mark this year's Safer Internet Day, the [UK Safer Internet Centre \(UKSIC\)](#) has released [new research](#) which shows young people's experience of misleading content online and the strategies they are using to manage this.

[Safer Internet Day education materials](#) are available to help to promote safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

In support of Safer Internet Day, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, Vicky Ford, has said:

“As children are living in an increasingly digital world, it is vitally important that they are able to separate fact from fiction and challenge or question any misinformation they may come across.

“We are providing 1.3 million devices for children who need them the most because we know that the internet is an important

vehicle for education during the pandemic, with extensive advice for schools on how to prioritise online safety.

“This year’s safer internet day is more important than ever. We want children to have access to the tools they need to navigate modern life, including how to identify disinformation and trusted sources, stay safe online, and make the right decisions when engaging with media content. We have already introduced guidance for schools about teaching online safety across the curriculum within new and existing subjects, such as Relationships, Sex and Health Education, Computing and Citizenship.”

Further information is available in our [guidance on safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) and [teaching online safety in schools](#).

The information below has not changed since our last update

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](#)