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**Subject:** 12 October – 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).

## **Queen honours teachers and school leaders in the Birthday Honours List**

On 9 October, the [Queen’s Birthday Honours List 2020](#) was announced, recognising the outstanding achievements of people from across the United Kingdom. On this year’s list were 133 individuals who have been recognised for their services to education during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. These include teachers, headteachers and principals who have gone above and beyond to provide education to young people.

## **Report on the state of the nation 2020: children and young people’s wellbeing**

To mark World Mental Health Day, the Government published its [annual state of the nation report focussing on the wellbeing of children and young people in England and the United Kingdom](#)

over the period of March to August 2020. This report brings together a range of published data on the health and wellbeing of children and young people to help the Government, schools, colleges and parents better understand children and young people's experiences during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

This report suggests that returning to school or college is likely to be playing a vital role in improving the mental wellbeing of many pupils by easing some of the main worries identified in the research: time off from education, being isolated from friends, fewer opportunities to be more physically active and access to pastoral support.

Mentally Healthy Schools have created a [toolkit of resources that focus on inclusivity and celebrating our differences](#). The resources in this toolkit are designed to help schools support pupils who may need more help with their mental health and celebrate the unique and different qualities that each child brings to a school community.

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The information below hasn't changed since our last update

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

To make our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak easy to access, we have provided collection pages. These 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](#)

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

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

Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate option for your nursery, school, college or university:

- Option 1 – If you are a member of staff calling from an early years setting, school, further education provider or out of school setting and need advice on the action to take to respond to a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your setting
- Option 2 – If you are a member of staff calling from a university and need advice on the action to take to respond to a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) on campus
- Option 3 – If you work at a school and have questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care
- Option 4 – If you work at a college, training provider, early years setting, children's social care or higher education institution and have questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care

You can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm  
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

## **Public Health England's (PHE) dedicated advice service opening hours**

Public Health England's (PHE) dedicated advice service is available to early years providers, schools, colleges and out of school settings. The service provides support on the actions staff should take when they have been informed of a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their setting (i.e. a pupil or staff member testing positive).

Phone: 0800 046 8687 – option 1 to report a positive test within your setting

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm  
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

You should continue to inform your local authority of a positive case in your setting.

## **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