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**Subject:** 18 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).

## Updated guidance for initial teacher training (ITT) providers on school placements

Last week, we updated our [guidance for initial teacher training \(ITT\) providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) to confirm that it is for ITT providers to agree with schools if it is appropriate to remotely observe and moderate trainees’ teaching in school. The guidance also includes links to resources that may be helpful in discussions between schools and ITT providers on this subject.

The guidance has also been updated to replace the ‘120 days in schools’ section with [guidance on trainees spending sufficient time in school to demonstrate the Teachers’ Standards](#), including through remote school-based training where required.

## **Free service available to advertise and search for teaching roles**

[Teaching Vacancies](#) is the free, national service for searching and listing teaching roles provided by the Department for Education. Education Minister Baroness Berridge is encouraging schools to sign-up to this free service.

Speaking to school leaders earlier this week, she said “Together we have the power to make Teaching Vacancies the official, go-to site for teachers looking for their next teaching role”.

“Thousands of job-seeking teachers are already visiting the site each week and, as a free national service, Teaching Vacancies has removed the need for schools to pay a single penny on recruitment advertising”.

Over 75% of state schools have signed up to use the service.

To sign-up, send your full name, the name of the school or academy trust you work for and your work email address to [teaching.vacancies@education.gov.uk](mailto:teaching.vacancies@education.gov.uk).

Please post any vacancies you may have on Teaching Vacancies to help make this the go-to service for teachers looking for their next teaching role.

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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 – 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](#)