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**Subject:** 22 April – Coronavirus – 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 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](#).

## **Regular asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing remains vital**

The Prime Minister has said: “I want to thank everybody for continuing to follow the guidance, and to thank parents and families for the incredible work you’re doing to help test pupils through the Easter holidays and to encourage you to keep testing them twice a week as schools return.”

It is vital that staff and students continue to test twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent the spread of the virus. Please use your communications channels such as newsletters, text reminders, emails and website notifications to continually reinforce this message. Parents and students are much more likely to see and

respond to messages sent directly to them, so please keep repeating it.

[A poster is available for you to download](#) which we hope will be a simple, clear tool that you can use to remind pupils about the importance of regular testing.

## **Re-introduction of confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device tests at assisted testing sites in schools and colleges**

At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.

## **Update on private, voluntary and independent nurseries test kit deliveries**

Thank you to private, voluntary and independent (PVI) nurseries that informed us of missing or damaged kit using the [nursery rapid testing delivery supply form](#). PVI nurseries that have reported missing or damaged kit between Thursday 8 and

Wednesday 14 April will receive additional kits between Thursday 22 and Friday 23 April.

A delivery schedule is now available on the [document sharing platform](#). If you are not available to receive your delivery, you can expect to receive a “Sorry we missed you” card which will allow you to re-arrange your delivery.

A further delivery of kits to all PVI's will be sent in early May, with further details to follow. This further delivery should last PVI nurseries until the end of May. If you are concerned you will run out of home testing kits before early May, please let us know through the [nursery rapid testing delivery supply form](#).

## **Test kit delivery schedules for schools and colleges**

Delivery schedules for the week commencing Monday 26 April are due to be published on the document sharing platforms shortly. Please await publication of these prior to contacting us in relation to expected timescale for receipt of deliveries.

The delivery schedule for primary schools will be available on the [primary schools document sharing platform](#).

The delivery schedule for secondary schools, further education colleges, independent training providers and adult community learning providers will be available on the [secondary schools document sharing platform](#).

## **Internet Watch Foundation campaign launched to raise awareness of “self-generated” child sexual abuse material**

In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material

identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

Please share this information with parents and carers in your network.

## **Face-to-face summer schools for secondary schools**

As part of the wider recovery package to support children with their mental health and wellbeing and to catch up on missed face-to-face learning, the Department for Education is providing £200m to enable as many secondary schools as possible to deliver face-to-face summer schools this year.

You will be able to identify the pupils who would most benefit from summer school. We recommend a focus on incoming year 7 pupils, giving those pupils an opportunity to build a community with their new classmates and teachers and familiarise themselves with their new school environment.

Funding will be made available to state-funded secondary and special schools, non-maintained special schools and pupil referral units. It will also be made available to alternative

provision for any pupils whose education was funded by the local authority outside of state place funded schools. It is calculated based on 50% of your year 7 cohort being offered a place on a two-week programme, or 100% of the cohort being offered a week-long programme, and equates to £597 per two-week place (£1,791 for pupils in special schools or units and alternative provision). Each school's individual [funding allocation](#) has now been published.

Shortly, we will ask you to complete a simple sign-up form to indicate if your school intends to take part. We will then ask you to confirm your plans in June.

Further information is available in our [guidance on summer schools](#) and any questions should be directed to [learning.recovery@education.gov.uk](mailto:learning.recovery@education.gov.uk).

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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.

Private, voluntary and independent nurseries do not need a UON.

## **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 special schools and other specialist settings](#)

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