

Subject: 13 July – 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).

Guidance on the protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

We have updated the [protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings guidance](#) with more information on group sizes and the considerations that need to be made, and the opening of indoor sports facilities from 25 July, including indoor gyms, sports courts and fitness and dance studios.

If your school or college operates outdoors, you should also refer to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport’s [guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England](#).

Free school meals over the summer period

for pupils leaving their current education setting

The [Covid Summer Food Fund](#) will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to be supported over the summer holiday period. This includes providing support where needed for year 6, year 11 and year 13 pupils who were confirmed as eligible and claiming benefits-related free school meals during the summer term, regardless of whether they remain registered with the school.

Where applicable, the school that the pupil is leaving is responsible for ordering the pupil's free school meals for the Covid Summer Food Fund at least one week before the end of the school term.

Please read all emails from Edenred to ensure that your orders have been processed correctly.

Guidance on the exceptional costs associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

We have updated the [guidance on the exceptional costs associated with the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#). Schools will be able to claim for costs relating to the summer holidays that are not covered by the Covid Summer Food Fund in the autumn.

Where schools are ordering alternative vouchers for the summer holidays, these orders must be placed one week before the school summer term ends.

If schools arrange food parcels in the summer holidays, these can only be ordered for children in receipt of free school meals and orders must be placed before the summer holidays begin.

The information below has not changed since yesterday.

Plans for all children and young people to return to full-time education at the start of the autumn term

The guidance for the full opening of schools, early years and colleges at the start of the autumn can be found here:

- [Full opening of schools from the start of the autumn term](#)
- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
- [Full opening of special schools and other specialist settings from the start of the autumn term](#)
- [What further education colleges and providers will need to do from the start of the 2020 autumn term](#)
- [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)
- [Re-opening buildings and campuses for higher education \(HE\)](#)

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

8am to 6pm – Monday to Friday

10am to 4pm – Saturday and Sunday

If you work in a school, please have your unique reference number (URN or UK PRN) available when calling the helpline.

Handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

Please see the [latest guidance and video on handwashing](#) from the NHS.

The [e-Bug project](#) is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene. E-Bug has published posters on hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes, to display in bathrooms, classrooms and shared spaces.