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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).

## **Barnardo’s ‘See Hear Respond’ service**

See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo’s and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies.

Working with its partners, Barnardo’s aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place using:

- online digital support, including advice and information, online

counselling and a telephone helpline

- face to face interventions, such as support for groups at risk outside the home and one to one support
- reintegration into education, including assessments and the delivery of support pathways back to education

See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 and via the [online referral hub](#).

## **Updated guidance for nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges in Leicester and the affected parts of Leicestershire**

In response to the local outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Leicester, we asked nurseries, schools and colleges to remain open, as they did at the beginning of this outbreak, only for children and young people who are vulnerable, and the children of critical workers.

We have updated the [guidance for nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges in Leicester](#) and the affected parts of Leicestershire to include information on holiday and after school clubs, tuition, and other out-of-school provision for children.

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing eligibility and how to book**

Testing is available to anyone in England and Wales who has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), whatever their age. Tests are free and can be requested through the [NHS website](#).

Priority testing is available for essential workers and anyone they live with who display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), this includes all education and childcare staff. Priority testing can be arranged through the self-referral portal on GOV.UK. [Apply for a coronavirus test if you're an essential worker](#).

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The information below has not changed since yesterday.

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## **Prime Minister Boris Johnson to address all school leavers**

On Friday 10 July at 10am, the Prime Minister will be giving an address to all school leavers which will be broadcast on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Please encourage your final year students to tune in!

A recording of the address will be available to view on both platforms.

## **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 \(HE\)](#)

## **Covid Summer Food Fund**

The [Covid Summer Food Fund](#) will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM) to be supported over the summer holiday period. All vouchers for the summer holidays must be ordered at least one week before your school's summer term ends. The costs will be met centrally by the Department for Education.

Please read the guidance in full before ordering to ensure your orders are processed correctly.

## **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.