Early Years and Prevention Service

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## **Rule of six applies from Monday 14 September**

From today, new laws prohibiting social gatherings of more than six people come into effect in England. The new ‘rule of six’ simplifies and strengthens the rules on social gatherings, making them easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce. It means that – apart from a set of limited exemptions including education and work – any social gatherings of more than six people indoors or outdoors will be against the law.

The approach schools, colleges and other educational settings should continue to follow is set out in our detailed guidance:

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| * [actions for schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for further education colleges](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for higher education providers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-he-providers-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for specialist settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for early years and childcare providers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) |

## **Responding to those with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**

It is vital that educational settings only ask children or staff to self-isolate and recommend they get a test if they develop [symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms). Those sent home to self-isolate, having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, should only get tested if they develop symptoms themselves. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Testing capacity is the highest it has ever been, but there is a significant demand for tests. Booking is essential for drive in and walk in test sites, and under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

[In line with our guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19), the home test kits supplied to schools and colleges must be reserved for those who face significant barriers to accessing a test and would not otherwise get tested. Schools and college can order additional test kits if they have run out, or are running out, of test kits. From 16 September, you can [order additional tests kits via an online portal](https://request-testing.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/). Kits will be supplied in boxes of 10. The number of boxes available to each school or college will be proportionate to their size. You will be able to make a new order for test kits 21 days after you receive a delivery confirmation email telling you that your previous supply of test kits has been sent. You will need a Unique Organisation Number (UON) to place orders for test kits. This will be emailed to you by Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on, or before, 16 September. After this date, please call the Test and Trace helpdesk on 119 if you have not received your UON.

Guidance on the actions an early years provider, school or college should take when responding to a child with symptoms or a positive case can be found in:

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| * [actions for early years and childcare providers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for further education colleges](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)  **Important information for nurseries, schools and colleges – new process for reporting positive confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your setting** DfE’s [guidance for education and childcare settings](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare?utm_source=16%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) sets out the process for managing confirmed positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) when the individual is known to have been in a school, college or early years setting. We recognise that there have been some difficulties getting through to the local public health protection teams for advice on action to take on a positive case in the setting. As a result, from tomorrow (17 September), there will be a new dedicated advice service available to advise nurseries, schools and colleges who have been informed of a confirmed case(s) of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their setting (i.e. a pupil or staff member testing positive). We are updating our guidance to reflect this change.  This means that instead of calling your local health protection team when there is a confirmed case in your education setting, we will now be asking you to call the DfE’s helpline and you will then be directed to the dedicated NHS advice team for nurseries, schools and colleges with confirmed cases.  From tomorrow, this new service can be reached by calling DfE’s existing helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting the option for reporting a positive case. The line will be open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays.  Please only select this option if you have a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within your nursery, school or college.  You will be put through to a team of advisors who will inform you what action is needed based on the latest public health advice, and work through a risk assessment to identify close contacts.  This new process will free up capacity of the Public Health England’s local health protection teams to deal with more complex cases, for example special schools and universities, or outbreaks where there is more than one confirmed case. Advisors will be responsible for escalating these cases as necessary following a triaging of your circumstances during the call.  The new advice service has been set up to advise the following education settings: early years settings including nurseries; schools including primary schools, infant or junior schools, middle schools, secondary schools, boarding schools, special schools; and further education providers.  The DfE helpline also remains available for all other queries about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to your education and childcare setting on 0800 046 8687. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the one most appropriate to your setting’s current situation.  **Public Health England: Educational settings**  Public Health England have created a document to support educational settings during the ongoing COVID-19 situation. It is recommended for: Early years settings (including nurseries and childminders), Schools, Special Schools, Residential (boarding) schools and FE colleges   * The document contains local key contacts as well as clear guidance on many aspects applicable to the educational setting, including; infection prevention and control, management of suspected and confirmed cases, mental health and well-being support for children and young people and example letters for social distance reminders and a suspected case. * The latest *Managing Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Childcare and Educational Settings* (FLOWCHART) is also attached. * Please note these documents will be updated as necessary.   <https://thelink.slough.gov.uk/news/covid-19-updated-resources-schools-and-childrens-centres> |

## **Schools and further education institutions receiving a delivery of personal protective equipment (PPE)**

Schools and further education colleges have received a delivery of a small amount of personal protective equipment (PPE). This one-off distribution of PPE contains clinical face masks, aprons, gloves and visors, as well as the hand sanitiser needed to put on and take off PPE. The PPE has been provided free of charge by the DHSC to help build resilience across the education sector to respond to any suspected cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) arising in schools and colleges. Deliveries, which began on 26 August, have been packaged by Clipper and delivered by Royal Mail. Visors have been sent as a separate delivery from the rest of the PPE.

Schools and colleges that have not received their deliveries of free PPE can [notify the Department for Education using an online form](http://www.education.gov.uk/ppe-delivery-enquiry). The form is available until 30 September. Before completing this form, we ask that you first contact your local Royal Mail office to check for any undelivered parcels.

As set out in our [guidance on safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe?utm_source=14%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19), PPE is only needed if a child, young person or other learner becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in school or college, and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

**Nasen: Coming soon January 2021: new free membership**

From January 4th, 2021, nasen membership will be free for all individuals across the UK.

Nasen’s new free membership will replace the current tiered model, to ensure the organisation's expertise in SEND is available to every school and setting across the UK.

Membership will include access to shared information, research, [Continuing Professional Development and Learning (CPDL)](https://nasen.org.uk/training-and-cpd.html) training and webinars from the [Whole School SEND Consortium](https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/whole-school-send/), hosted by nasen, to ensure every child and young person with SEND can achieve their potential at school.

<https://nasen.org.uk/membership/new-membership-launch.html>

**HMRC: Job Retention Scheme**

Changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme from 1‌‌ September mean that employers will need to fund 10% of furloughed employees’ usual wages for the hours they do not work and continue to pay their National Insurance and pension contributions.

Make sure you have the latest information by joining the live webinar:

**Extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and flexible furloughing**

We’ll provide an overview of the scheme, including flexible furloughing, examples of how to work out the amount you can claim and the changes for September and October.

We’ll also share information on the Job Retention Bonus, including how to check if you’re eligible.

[**Choose a date and time**](https://links.advice.hmrc.gov.uk/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MTUuMjcxMjA5NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2F0dGVuZGVlLmdvdG93ZWJpbmFyLmNvbS9ydC84NTI4MDIxNDk5Njk2MTYzMzMxP3NvdXJjZT1TZXB0ZW1iZXItSE1SQy1EQ1MtU3VwcC1FbXAtMyJ9.31cEDbP4xCW9ijKbndHal0AQy1ItQ5gKUtucOAbvJlg/s/510004055/br/84897066893-l)

If you haven’t been able to join our popular webinar about the **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme**, more dates have now been added. Get the latest information on:

* who can claim
* who you can claim for
* how to make a claim
* what you may be entitled to, and more.

[**Choose a date and time**](https://links.advice.hmrc.gov.uk/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MTUuMjcxMjA5NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2F0dGVuZGVlLmdvdG93ZWJpbmFyLmNvbS9ydC8zNjY3NTQ1Njg1NzIzMTIwNjQzP3NvdXJjZT1TZXB0ZW1iZXItSE1SQy1EQ1MtU3VwcC1FbXAtMyJ9.mZIVyFq6XikQn8TAV4qpn_cbBxvAjUrbJigVHc9H5B0/s/510004055/br/84897066893-l)

You can ask questions during all our live webinars using the on-screen text box.

Our webinars are constantly updated to provide the latest government guidance on changes as they develop.

## **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.

See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren’t currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

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| * an online hub of support and information * online counselling and therapy * face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today’s most pertinent issues, such as criminal exploitation, and * helping children and young people reintegrate back into school |

You can access via the ‘See, Hear, Respond’ service [self-referral webpage](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond?utm_source=14%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

**School Effectiveness Strategy**

Please find below this years updated School Effectiveness Strategy.



**Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update**

Ofsted guidance and information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for schools, early years, children’s social care and further education and skills providers.

Change made  
Updated guide: Ofsted’s inspection of providers on the Childcare Register will resume from 16 September.

Time updated  
1:25pm, 11 September 2020

[Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update?utm_source=f68e6657-d68b-4336-b44e-936a8928f6ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

## **Public Health England launches Every Mind Matters campaign**

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) [Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters) provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people’s mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

The new advice available on the [Every Mind Matters website](https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters) has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people’s mental health charities, including [Young Minds](https://youngminds.org.uk), [The Mix](https://www.themix.org.uk), [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org.uk) and [The Anna Freud Centre](https://www.annafreud.org). It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

## **Hands, Face, Space campaign**

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Prime Minister launched the [‘Hands, Face, Space’ campaign](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. In line with this we have produced a [communications toolkit](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcoronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk%2FBack-To-Higher-Education-%2F&data=02%7C01%7CAnil.Manji%40trade.gov.uk%7Cb7f8452d0b4f4133236d08d855697f35%7C8fa217ec33aa46fbad96dfe68006bb86%7C0%7C0%7C637353258884723902&sdata=7TSZ7nklR0gLrDcPNxGCWeW3l5aXpJ2a0nn5KHT8h8I%3D&reserved=0) for universities in England, but which may be of wider interest. Consistent adoption of these behaviours is particularly important in places outside of educational settings which do not implement the wider protective measures in the system of controls set out in our detailed guidance:

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| * [actions for schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for further education colleges](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for higher education providers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-he-providers-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for specialist settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [actions for early years and childcare providers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) |

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Schools and other education settings must ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

**Enrolment opportunities at Langley College**

Please see below information regarding current enrolment at Langley College and the Windsor Forest Colleges Group in general

We have a few ‘Open’ Enrolment sessions over the next week which may be of interest

<https://conta.cc/2ZILjau>

## **Making an order for additional coronavirus (COVID-19) tests**

An [online portal is now live](https://request-testing.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/) for schools and further education (FE) providers to order additional coronavirus (COVID-19) test kits if they have run out, or are running out, of their initial 10 kits supplied for use [in line with our guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers?utm_source=16%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19). You will be able to make a new order for test kits 21 days after you receive a delivery confirmation email telling you that your previous supply of test kits has been sent. These kits are only for those who develop one of the [symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/) and face significant barriers to accessing a test. In particular, they will help schools and colleges get their symptomatic staff who test negative back to work as soon as they feel well enough, to ensure the continuity of education for pupils and students.

Schools and FE providers will receive a unique organisation number (UON) via email from the Department of Health and Social Care which will be needed to place your order. From 17 September, please call the Test and Trace helpdesk on 119 if you have not received your UON or if you have lost your record of it.

Schools and FE providers can [sign up to attend a webinar](https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1363338&tp_key=0aeafdc392) to support them in understanding how to use their test kits.

Tests conducted at a testing site will deliver the fastest results. Individuals must [book a test in advance](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test?utm_source=16%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) or they will not be given a test. People can also order home test kits to be sent directly to them. These routes remain the primary channels for any individuals displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms to get a test.