



Dear Colleagues,

To keep you all up-to-date with the latest information on Coronavirus (COVID-19), and help protect yourself and others, we will be issuing regular updates.

The dedicated COVID-19 information area on the HES portal contains all communications and updates from the Local Authority and central government relating to COVID-19. All early years providers and schools can access this area by using the following link: <http://hes.org.uk/Page/17045>.

The items in this update are intended for all education providers - where the guidance is only relevant to a particular phase of education or type of provider, this is indicated.

Early Years Providers Funding For Summer Term 2020

From June 1st 2020, there is no expectation that the funding arrangements will be changing for the remainder of the summer term based on settings opening, or being unable to open. All settings (PVI and school-based nurseries) will receive their Local Authority funding based on their existing profile, with additional payments only made in exceptional circumstances, where the number of additional children attending results in an overall attendance number that exceeds the current profile.

As previously stated in March 2020, the Local Authority will continue to fund early education and childcare providers for:

- Children who were anticipated to be attending the provision during census week.
- Vulnerable and key worker children. Evidence of status will have been gathered by the early years provider or be available from the Local Authority to show that the child is eligible for attendance (LAC, key worker children etc.).

The attendance of key worker and vulnerable children will be matched to the open provider data returns providers are currently submitting to the Early Years Quality Assurance manager. Providers will be asked to confirm the details of these children.

Vulnerable and key worker children who attend their existing provider should be added to the summer census claim via Child View Provider Portal (CVPP) or SIMS as applicable. Children who attend a new provider because their existing provider is now closed due to COVID-19 related circumstances will be added to a COVID-19 extraordinary census form.

You can find the most recent guidance from the Department for Education [here](#). All of the LA's guidance applying to Early Years settings in relation to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Guidance for Educational Settings - Symptoms

The DfE have published their updated [guidance](#) for education settings, which now has new information on symptoms, and an updated poster. This guidance is to support schools and childcare settings which are still open to care for this smaller number of pupils in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents or carers regarding:

- coronavirus, COVID-19
- how to help prevent spread of all respiratory infections including COVID-19
- what to do if someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 has been in a school or other educational setting

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild. If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should [self-isolate at home](#).

Safeguarding in Schools, Colleges and Other Providers

The DfE have published their updated [guidance](#) on what schools and colleges should be thinking about as they plan for more children to return from week commencing 1 June - especially around updating the child protection policy, designated safeguarding lead arrangements, protecting vulnerable children and mental health. The Hsis team will be developing a policy amendment and will circulate this to Dedicated Safeguarding Leads shortly.

Health Inequalities, Ethnicity and COVID-19 in London

There has been significant media reporting of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, particularly in relation to deaths and severe cases, among Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups in the UK. There is a specific concern around BAME healthcare workers; the head of the British Medical Association, Dr Chaand Magpaul, highlighted that the first ten doctors in the UK named as having died from the virus were all from BAME groups.



The guidance issued by the Local Authority last week included references to the need to consider the impact on vulnerable groups, including BAME, and the attached paper from the Public Health England team provides a summary of what is known about health inequalities and ethnicity in relation to COVID-19 in London, and might support your risk assessment processes.

Travel Advice for Schools

Transport for London has provided the attached key messages for schools, and the Local Authority has been asked to cascade these messages to all settings and schools for onward transmission to parents as appropriate.

Further Guidance

Please ensure that you are regularly checking the national guidance.

Guidance on 'Self-Isolation' for people with confirmed or possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Please go to [NHS.UK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself, and the latest information and advice about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is also available on the [government website](https://www.gov.uk).

Information for educational settings is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>. However, we expect this advice to change in the coming days due to the change to the Delay phase of the response in the UK. Should new information for schools be published, this will be cascaded to all establishments.

The Department for Education has a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk