

This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Collection of guidance for educational settings on GOV.UK

The Department for Education's coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance has now been grouped by subject and audience on GOV.UK to help you find the information relevant to you. In response to your feedback, future updates to guidance will also include a summary of the changes that have been made.

Guidance on what early years providers need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-and-childcare-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on what school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on what colleges, universities and other providers need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-and-higher-education-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on what local authority children's services need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-childrens-services-coronavirus-covid-19>

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<https://www.gov.uk/email-signup?link=/government/organisations/department-for-education>

The information below has not changed since yesterday.

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.

Updated 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.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

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.

The hand and respiratory hygiene posters and other educational resources can be found here:

<https://e-bug.eu>