

Government Guidance

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Staying Alert and Safe

- Full guidance on staying at home and away from others. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable. Read [here](#).
 - Shielding from coronavirus GP letter easy read. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: Staying alert and safe – social distancing guidance for young people. Read [here](#).
- Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own. Includes guidance on exemptions to wearing a face covering where they are mandated. Read [here](#).

Education

- Guidance for full opening of schools. What all schools will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term. Read [here](#).
- Guidance for further education and skills providers. Guidance for further education (FE) providers on maintaining education and skills training, changes to funding arrangements, data collections and assessment. Read [here](#).
- Transport to school and other places of education: autumn term 2020. Read [here](#).

- Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. What childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020. Next steps for the phased wider opening of educational and childcare settings. Read [here](#).
- Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers. Read [here](#).
- Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care. Preventing and controlling infection, including the use of PPE, in education, childcare and children's social care settings during the coronavirus outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: online education resources. Online educational resources for schools and parents to help children learn at home. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance on vulnerable children and young people - questions and answers about the provisions being made for vulnerable children and young people. Read [here](#).
- Changes to the law on education, health and care needs assessments and plans due to coronavirus. Guidance on temporary changes to education, health and care legislation during the coronavirus outbreak. Updated 26 Aug. Read [here](#).
- Changes to the school exclusion process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This statutory guidance describes the temporary changes made to the school exclusion process due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Read [here](#).
- Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus. Advice for parents and carers looking after children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: SEND risk assessment guidance: Guidance for special schools, specialist colleges, local authorities and any other settings managing children and young people with complex special educational needs and disability (SEND). Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: keeping children safe online. Advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read [here](#).

- Coronavirus: safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers. Advice for education settings focused on how they can prioritise the safety of vulnerable children and watch for signs that a child might be at risk. Updated on May 20. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings. Guidance for education and childcare settings on how to implement protective measures. Read [here](#)
- Coronavirus: free school meals guidance for schools. This guidance explains what schools should do to make sure eligible pupils have continued access to free school meals. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: maintaining educational provision. Guidance about maintaining educational provision for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities in England. Read [here](#).
- What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance on isolation for residential educational settings. Guidance to support management of children and young people in residential educational settings, including boarding schools, residential special schools and specialist colleges and children's homes. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: travel guidance for educational settings. This guidance is for students, staff and children in the education sector planning to travel in the UK or overseas, and for those who are already overseas. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: school closures. What schools will need to do during the coronavirus outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: early years and childcare closures. Guidance for local authorities, early years settings and childminders about childcare provision following the outbreak of coronavirus. Read [here](#).
- Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read [here](#).

Social Care

- Coronavirus: guidance for children's social care services. Advice about coronavirus for local authorities and their partners to help support and protect vulnerable children. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: looking after people who lack mental capacity. Guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance for residential care, supported living and home care. Residential care, supported living and home care in the event of a coronavirus outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: action plan. What the health and social care system across the UK has done to tackle the coronavirus outbreak, and what it plans to do next. Read [here](#).

Public Health England & NHS England

- NHS guidance for people working in healthcare. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: guidance for health professionals- information on coronavirus, including guidance on the assessment and management of suspected UK cases. Read [here](#).
- Public Health England - Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read [here](#).
- Coronavirus: infection prevention and control- Guidance on infection prevention and control in healthcare settings. Read [here](#).

Ministerial Letters

- Joint Ministerial Letter on the full return to educational settings in September 2020. Read [here](#).
- A Joint Ministerial letter to children and young people with SEND and their parents and carers. Read [here](#).
- An open letter from the Children and Families Minister. Read [here](#).

- A Joint Ministerial letter to the Disability Charities Commission. Read [here](#).
- A Thank You Letter from the Secretary of State for Education. Read [here](#).
- A Thank You Letter from the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care. Read [here](#).
- A joint statement from the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, the Minister for Care, and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families: supporting disabled people through the coronavirus outbreak. Read [here](#).