

## **Executive Summary of the DfE and Ofsted Publications**

### **Existing Publications**

Updated	Changes made	Useful Links/Document
9:30am, 14 June 2021	Added data for weeks beginning 17 and 24 May.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reported-coronavirus-notifications-by-registered-early-years-and-childcare-settings">Reported coronavirus (COVID-19) notifications by registered early years and childcare settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
8:17pm, 14 June 2021	Updated section on educational visits.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak">Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
8:25pm, 14 June 2021	Guidance updated to reflect latest changes.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak">Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
10:32am, 15 June 2021	Added guidance to support relationships, sex and health education curriculum planning, as part of education recovery.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teaching-about-mental-wellbeing">Teaching about mental wellbeing - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
12:00pm, 15 June 2021	Added Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – 23 March 2020 to 10 June 2021.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak">Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
12:00pm, 15 June 2021	Added 'Laptops, tablets and connectivity data as of 15 June 2021'.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/laptops-tablets-and-connectivity-progress-data-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak">Laptops, tablets and connectivity progress data during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
2:57pm, 15 June 2021	Added further information on app features and situations for pausing it.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/use-of-the-nhs-covid-19-app-in-education-and-childcare-settings">Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
3:30pm, 16 June 2021	Decisions and analysis documents added to explain outcome of consultation.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/arrangements-for-non-exam-assessment-for-qualifications-in-2022">Arrangements for non-exam assessment for qualifications in 2022 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
4:24pm, 16 June 2021	Added specific conditions for new free schools to annex B.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/summer-schools-programme">Summer schools programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
12:11pm, 17 June 2021	Updated to confirm continuation of the PE and sport premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year. Also updated to reflect the announcement that schools can carry forward unspent PE and sport premium funding into the 2021 to 2022 academic year.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools">PE and sport premium for primary schools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

2:22pm, 18 June 2021	This guidance has been updated to reference enhanced response areas and information on the principles of managing local outbreaks including the types of measures that settings should be prepared for, who can recommend the measures, when measures should be lifted and how decisions are made.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-and-childcare-settings">Coronavirus (COVID-19) local restrictions in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
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### **New Publications:**

Publication date	Content	Useful Links/Document
11:00am, 14 June 2021	Proposed revisions to the way the Exam Procedures Review Service will operate for qualifications awarded in summer 2021.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/terms-of-reference-for-eprs-in-summer-2021">Terms of Reference for EPRS in summer 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
11:00am, 14 June 2021	Ofqual is consulting on proposed revisions to the way the Exam Procedures Review Service (EPRS) will operate for qualifications awarded in summer 2021.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exam-procedures-review-service-in-summer-2021-consultation-on-the-terms-of-reference">Exam Procedures Review Service in Summer 2021 – consultation on the Terms of Reference - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
12:00pm, 15 June 2021	A summary of attendance in education and early years settings 23 March 2020 to 10 June 2021.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak-23-march-2020-to-10-june-2021">Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – 23 March 2020 to 10 June 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
12:00pm, 15 June 2021	How many laptops, tablets and routers we've delivered to help disadvantaged children and young people access remote education.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/laptops-tablets-and-connectivity-data-as-of-15-june-2021">Laptops, tablets and connectivity data as of 15 June 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
4:41pm, 16 June 2021	Valid until 31/08/2021: MCA will recognise online delivered accredited training, if approved by the awarding bodies outlined within MIN 648 (M), due to COVID-19.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/min-658-m-food-and-catering-covid-19-online-approved-courses">MIN 658 (M) Food and catering COVID-19 online approved courses - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
2:03pm, 17 June 2021	Her Majesty the Queen recognises Ghanaian volunteers with Commonwealth Points of Light Award in honour of their exceptional voluntary service improving access to digital education.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/179th-commonwealth-points-of-light-awards-2021">179th Commonwealth Points of Light recipients from Ghana - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

## DfE Updates

### Please continue to encourage COVID-19 testing

- With up to 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 not displaying any symptoms, rapid testing remains a vital tool to help us stay ahead of the virus. The twice-weekly regular testing habit is as important as ever and we urge settings to continue to encourage testing and reporting all results on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).
- Students and staff are regularly reporting test results, with almost 450,000 secondary school students recently reporting tests.

To see the number of tests students and staff are taking at your school or college, go to [View Your Education Data \(VYED\) portal](#). You will need to log in using either your [Identify and Access Management System \(IDAMS\)](#) or [DfE sign-in](#).

We also encourage you to read our [latest blog which shows how schools and colleges are encouraging participation](#). This highlights a number of initiatives and strategies that have worked well to drive up participation. There are a range of great practical and creative approaches to keep students engaged.

### Get Help with Technology – support for schools with Apple devices

- To help support schools get the most out of their devices, Apple are continuing to run their [four-part online series](#) to maximise their functionality to aide teaching methods and learning. Sessions include Elements of Deployment, Apple School Manager, Deploy and Manage Apple Device and Teacher Tools. You can [sign-up here](#).

### COVID-19 test kit delivery schedules for schools and colleges

- The delivery schedule for primary schools and maintained nurseries is available on the [primary schools document sharing platform](#).
- The delivery schedule for secondary schools, further education colleges, independent training providers and adult community learning providers is available on the [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#).

### New COVID-19 test kit ordering system for maintained nurseries, primary schools, secondary schools and colleges

The new ordering system for asymptomatic testing sites (ATS) and at home self-test kits went live on Thursday 17 June. This is the same online system currently used to order PCR test kits.

From Thursday 17 June, you will need to use the [order COVID-19 tests for your organisation online form](#) to reorder the following test kit supplies and maintain regular asymptomatic testing of the staff and students within your setting based on your demand:

- ATS test kits for on-site testing of staff and students who are unable to test at home (secondary schools and colleges)
- self-test kits for staff and students to test at home (all settings)

For all secondary schools and colleges, please note there is a planned final automatic delivery of additional self-test kits which will take place between Monday 7 June and Friday 25 June. This will ensure you have sufficient kits to continue testing during the transition to the new re-ordering process and means that you should not need to place an order for self-test kits as soon as the new system goes live.

Please bear this in mind and check the published delivery schedule on the document sharing platform before considering when to place your first order.

For further information, updated guidance, and a pre-recorded webinar about the new ordering process please look at the [primary schools document sharing platform](#) and [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#).

If you already have sufficient test kit supplies to last you through the transition period, then you can cancel this final automatic delivery. To cancel your delivery, please contact the Department for Education COVID-19 helpline on 0800 046 8687.

### **Education recovery package: new tutoring options for state-funded schools through the 2021-22 National Tutoring Programme (NTP)**

On Wednesday 2 June, the Department for Education [announced](#) the next step in the government's plans to support pupils to make up for lost learning as a result of the pandemic.

Building on the success of the NTP 2020-21, we have listened to feedback and further developed the breadth of the programme for 2021-22. We recognise that each school has pupils with varying needs, therefore we have developed a tutoring offer that provides a high degree of flexibility and choice.

There are three subsidised tutoring options for academic year 2021-22:

- tuition partners – state-funded schools are able to access subsidised, high-quality tuition from an approved list of tuition partners spanning a wide-range of topics
- academic mentors – some schools prefer to use tutors as an 'in class' resource to work alongside the pupil's teacher, to address a range of interventions, focusing on 1-1 and small group sessions with pupils
- school-led tutoring – a grant payment to all state-funded schools, based on the number of pupil premium students. This payment is ring-fenced to fund tutoring provision that can be locally sourced by schools

To complement school-led tutoring, we are continuing to offer tuition partners and academic mentors as part of the NTP to ensure schools can also access high-quality tutors.

For further information, please see the NTP's [tutoring options for academic year 2021-22](#).

### **Letter to parents from the Secretary of State for Education**

Today the Secretary of State for Education has written an [open letter to parents](#) encouraging continued regular testing, to support all the hard work schools and colleges have been doing to increase participation.

The Public Health England COVID-19 resource centre has been updated [with new testing resources](#) to support your outgoing communications to parents and students in secondary schools and colleges. This includes:

- social and poster resources – to stress the importance of continued testing and reporting in settings and on school social media channels
- a test explainer kit with practical resources to support self-testing at home, including the vital step of reporting

### **Update to the contingency framework following the announcement on enhanced response areas**

We have updated the [contingency framework](#) following the government's announcement on [enhanced response packages to tackle the Delta variant](#) in some areas.

- The contingency framework describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 in education and childcare settings. It covers all types of measures that settings should be prepared for, which includes those that may be recommended as part of an enhanced response area.
- All education and childcare settings should have outbreak management plans outlining how they would operate if any of the measures described within the contingency framework were recommended in their area for any reason.
- Secondary schools and colleges should ensure their outbreak management plans cover the possibility that it is advised that face coverings should temporarily be worn more widely in settings in their area and that asymptomatic testing sites (ATS) may be required. Additional [guidance](#) has been issued to the Directors of Public Health advising that they work in partnership with schools and colleges before reinstating ATS. The green '[How to Guide](#)' details how schools and colleges should set up and run an ATS, as they did in March 2021.
- If settings are concerned about COVID-19 issues in their area and think additional measures in their setting may be required, they should discuss with their Local Authority, Department of Public Health or Health Protection Team.