We are continuing to keep you updated on the government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

**Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**

Today, we have launched a new 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  
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

- No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

**The importance of hygiene**

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

[https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources)
Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

**New guidance for employers**

The Department for Business (BEIS) and Public Health England have issued guidance for employers, which you can find at:


**Where to find the latest information**

Updates on COVID-19:  
https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Guidance for educational settings:  

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:  