

Today's email includes information on:

- CO2 monitor delivery schedules for state-funded special schools
- planned maintenance for all education settings using the COVID-19 test kit ordering online portal
- COVID-19 test kit deliveries for all schools and colleges

CO2 monitor delivery schedules for state-funded special schools

On Saturday 21 August we announced that CO2 monitors will be provided this term to state-funded education settings, including early years, schools and further education providers, backed by £25 million in government funding.

The new monitors will enable staff to identify areas where ventilation needs to be improved and provide reassurance that existing ventilation measures are working, helping balance the need for good ventilation with keeping classrooms warm.

The first deliveries to state-funded special schools will start this week. Special schools, alternative provision and residential schools have been prioritised to receive their monitors first, given their higher-than-average numbers of vulnerable pupils.

The delivery schedule for these schools, across weeks commencing Monday 6, 13 and 20 September, is now available on the [ventilation document sharing platform](#). The delivery

schedule also includes the number of monitors settings should receive.

If you have any queries about your expected delivery date or the number of monitors received, please check the delivery schedule in the first instance. As deliveries will take place throughout the week, please wait until the following week to query a missed delivery, which you can do by contacting the supplier (details of your supplier are available on the delivery schedule):

- Rexel: 0330 0450 606
- CEF (Flamefast): 01926 350 018

For any further queries about your DfE issued CO2 monitor(s) you can call the DfE COVID-19 helpline on 0800 046 8687.

A 'how to' guide on using CO2 monitors in education and childcare settings is now available on the [ventilation document sharing platform](#).

Information on planned maintenance for all education settings using the COVID-19 test kit ordering online portal

The online portal for ordering COVID-19 test kits will be undergoing scheduled maintenance between 3pm and midnight on Wednesday 8 September. During this time, the portal will be unavailable for any organisation ordering testing kits. The online portal will be available again from 1am on Thursday 9 September.

COVID-19 test kit deliveries for all schools and colleges

Since Monday 16 August, schools and colleges should have been receiving deliveries of at home and onsite test kits that were ordered prior to the end of the summer term.

The latest delivery schedules for secondary schools and colleges are available on the [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](#).

The latest delivery schedules for primary schools and maintained nurseries are available on the [primary schools and nurseries document sharing platform](#).

Please check the delivery schedule to find out when you should be receiving any orders that you placed prior to the end of the summer term. If you are expecting a delivery that hasn't arrived, please contact NHS Test and Trace on 119. Please wait 48 hours after the scheduled delivery date before contacting 119.

The information below has not changed since our last update

Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The [Department for Education COVID-19 helpline](#) and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

Department for Education guidance

Our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed using the links below:

- [Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Guidance for schools](#)
- [Guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [Guidance for local authority children's services](#)
- [Guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)

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