

Today's email includes:

- information on the update to the contingency framework for education and childcare settings
- information on contact tracing in education and childcare settings

Update to the contingency framework for education and childcare settings

We have updated the [contingency framework](#) to reflect the position for people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), the shielding programme and details on when increased COVID-19 testing can be recommended by Directors of Public Health. We have also clarified that education and childcare settings do not routinely need to provide staff details to the NHS Test and Trace Self-Isolation Hub. Further information on the NHS Test and Trace Self-Isolation Hub is available in the [guidance on NHS Test and Trace in the workplace](#).

The contingency framework describes the principles for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 in education and childcare settings. It covers all types of measures that you should be prepared for. It also sets out thresholds for managing COVID-19 cases and when you should consider seeking public health advice. You should make sure your contingency plans outline how you would operate if your setting was advised to introduce any of the measures described in the contingency framework.

Information on contact tracing in education and childcare settings

Education and childcare settings do not need to carry out routine contact tracing. NHS Test and Trace undertake the identification and notification of the close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case.

In response to recent queries, we have updated the contact tracing 'frequently asked questions' which can be found on the document sharing platforms for [primary and early years](#), [secondary schools, further education and higher education](#) and [children's social care](#).

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 and childcare settings and children's social care.

Department for Education guidance

Our guidance to support education and childcare 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](#)
- [Guidance for parents and carers](#)

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