

## Today's email includes:

- information on increased daily lateral flow device (LFD) testing for schools and further education providers
- information on the school-led tutoring grant fund payments for schools

## Increased daily lateral flow device (LFD) testing for schools and further education providers

Further to the [joint letter to parents](#) from the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on Monday 11 October, we have produced frequently asked questions for schools and further education providers on increased LFD testing to respond to potential outbreaks.

In addition to regular twice-weekly LFD testing, local health teams may advise additional LFD testing at your school or college. For example, if a student is identified as a close contact, they may be asked to take daily LFD tests while they wait for their PCR test result. In this scenario, they should continue to attend school or college as long as their LFD test results remain negative. You may also be advised to conduct a one-off round of LFD testing or daily testing for a group or cohort in secondary schools or colleges where case numbers are very high. This should be done for a minimum of 5 days, increasing to 7 days as necessary to ensure the final LFD test is taken on a school day.

The frequently asked questions can be found on the document sharing platforms for [primary schools](#) and for [secondary schools and further education providers](#).

## **School-led tutoring grant through the National Tutoring Programme**

School-led tutoring is part of the [National Tutoring Programme](#). All state-funded schools and academy trusts can now access their [allocations for school-led tutoring grant](#) fund payments and can use this information to clarify how much funding they have received to deliver school-led tutoring.

The programme went live at the beginning of September and detailed [guidance and conditions of the grant](#) are available. If you have any questions about school-led tutoring, please review our [frequently asked questions](#) or [contact one of our National Tutoring Programme engagement managers](#).

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The information below has not changed since our last update

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## **Department for Education COVID-19 helpline**

The [Department for Education COVID-19 helpline](#) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Advice Service, (formally the Public Health England (PHE) Advice Service) are 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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