**Summer Term Guidance – Roadmap of Easing Restrictions**

**12th April 21**

Please see below a summary of the guidance for the summer term, aligned to the Government’s COVID19 roadmap of easing of the restrictions.

This covers the following:

1. **Schools**
2. **FE colleges**
3. **Guidance for parents and carers**
4. **Holiday or after-school clubs**
5. **The operational guidance for schools /Actions for Schools during COVID19** guidance has been updated with the following:

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| **Guidance on year 11 to 13 exam cohort attendance and provision for the 2021 summer term.** | As usual, pupils cease to be of compulsory school age on the last Friday of June. That means that those pupils are not required to attend school after this date.This year the needs of the cohort will be different and a period of independent study leave may not be applicable.Guidance is included on valuable activities pupils should be engaged in, including:* Support pupils to embed curriculum content in which they are less secure
* Liaise with local 16 to 19 providers to support pupils’ transition to A level study or vocational technical qualifications
* Provide support to students around their training and pastoral needs, as well as study skills post-16

Schools should make appropriate judgements on the activities for their own pupils. This might not mean full-time provision and could include visits to education providers, independent study or remote provision combined with attendance in person. |
| **Educational visits** | In line with the roadmap, should step 2 commence as planned, schools can resume educational **day visits** no earlier than **12 April**.Should step 3 commence as planned, you may undertake **domestic residential** education visits, that are already booked, no earlier than **17 May**.Schools may begin planning for new domestic residential educational visits to take place. Should step 3 commence as planned, **new visits** will be possible from and no earlier than **17 May**. |
| **Test and Trace support payments** | Some school staff, parents and carers may be eligible for a one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500. To be eligible for a Test and Trace Support Payment, you must:* be on a low income
* be unable to work from home
* be at risk of losing income as a result of self-isolating
* be living in England
* meet the eligibility criteria
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| **Current expectations for****clinically extremely vulnerable pupils****and****staff** | Shielding advice is being paused nationally from 31 March. From 1 April, all CEV pupils should attend their school unless they are one of the very small number of pupils under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. Pupils who live with someone who is CEV should continue to attend school as normal.Shielding advice is being paused nationally from 31 March. From 1 April, CEV individuals are no longer advised to shield but must continue to follow the rules in place for everyone under the current national restrictions. Staff in schools who are CEV will be advised to continue to work from home where possible, but if they cannot work from home should attend their workplace. |
| **Wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity** | From 29 March, all parents will also be able to access provision for one of these additional purposes:* where the provision is taking place outdoors - all children may access outdoor provision regardless of circumstances
* their children are eligible for free school meals and are attending provision as part of the holiday activities and food programme

As part of step 2 (no earlier than 12 April) of the roadmap, all parents may access wraparound and extra-curricular provision, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend. |
| **Physical activity in schools** | From 29 March, outdoor competition between different schools can take place.Indoor competition between different schools should not take place until wider indoor grassroots sport for under 18s is permitted. This will be no earlier than 12 April and we will confirm in due course.Refer to:* guidance on grassroot sports for public and sport providers, safe provision and facilities, and guidance from Sport England
* advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust
* guidance from Swim England on school swimming and water safety lessons available at returning to pools guidance documents
* using changing rooms safely

You can work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities. You must be satisfied that it is safe to do. |
| **Inspections** | Routine, graded Ofsted inspections remain suspended for the spring term. Information about the inspection arrangements for the summer term will be provided soon. |
| **Testing** | Guidance updated to reflect the DHSC announcement that a confirmatory PCR test is required following a positive LFD test result in England. This now applies to tests taken at school or other testing site, as well as at home. |
| **Face Coverings** | As part of step 3 of the roadmap process, from the 17th May, it is expected that the additional precautionary measure of wearing face coverings in the classroom in secondary schools and colleges, will no longer be recommended. This would be no earlier than 17 May and will be confirmed with one week’s notice. |

1. **Operational guidance for colleges/Actions for FE colleges** guidance has been updated with the following:

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| **steps out of lockdown****-**  | A summary of the roadmap for easing restrictions and the relationship to further education (FE). |
| **changes to delivery** | Broad expectations for the summer term. |
| **system of controls** | Including social distancing review point and updated testing information. |
| **extra-curricular activity and sports** | A new section on extra-curricular activity and clarification on sports activities |
| **education and training delivery** | Setting out remote education expectations and additional information on the college collaboration fund. |
| **educational visits** | additional advice on educational day, residential and international visits. |
| **clinically extremely vulnerable - updated information for****staff****and****students****who are shielding** | Shielding advice is being paused nationally from 31 March. From 1 April, all CEV pupils should attend their school unless they are one of the very small number of pupils under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. Pupils who live with someone who is CEV should continue to attend school as normal.Shielding advice is being paused nationally from 31 March. From 1 April, CEV individuals are no longer advised to shield but must continue to follow the rules in place for everyone under the current national restrictions. Staff in schools who are CEV will be advised to continue to work from home where possible, but if they cannot work from home should attend their workplace. |
| **residential providers** | Details on quarantine from red list countries and guidance for international students. |
| **free meals in education** | Further information on how to submit a funding claim. |
| **supported internships** | Further information and details of how to record these in the individualised learner record (ILR) |
| **high needs funding** | Further information on the 2021 to 2022 academic year |

1. **Guidance for parents and carers** has been updated with the following:

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| **home testing for students** | Details on the home testing process for students including reporting results and responding to a positive result.A confirmatory PCR test is required for anyone who tests positive on an LFD test. |
| **Test and Trace support payments** | If a parent/carer’s child has been advised to self-isolate by their education or childcare setting (even where they have not been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace) and the parent/carer is on a low income, unable to work from home and needs to take time off work to care for a child who is self-isolating, they may be eligible for a one-off Test and Trace support payment of £500 from their local authority. |
| **wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity** | In line with the COVID-19 response roadmap, from 12 April, all children may access wraparound and extra-curricular provision, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend. |
| **educational visits** | In line with the COVID-19 roadmap, nurseries, childminders and schools can resume educational day visits at step 2 from 12 April.Schools will not resume domestic residential educational visits until at least step 3, no earlier than 17 May. The Global Travel Taskforce has been commissioned to set out how to facilitate a return to international travel as soon as possible while managing the risk from imported variants of concern. It is due to report on 12 April 2021. This advice will be updated following the publication of the report. |
| **Ofsted Inspections** | It is intended that Ofsted will resume its full programme of routine, graded school inspection in September 2021. Inspectors are currently conducting monitoring inspections of schools and colleges most in need of support - those judged ‘inadequate’ and some that ‘require improvement’. These inspections, which are not graded, have a strong focus on remote education. |
| **face coverings** | As part of step 3 of the roadmap process, from the 17th May, it is expected that the additional precautionary measure of wearing face coverings in the classroom in secondary schools and colleges, will no longer be recommended. This would be no earlier than 17 May and will be confirmed with one week’s notice. |
| **group sizes for outdoor activities** | From 29 March, in line with the widening of access to organised outdoor activities for children, if an activity is taking place outdoors, providers may keep children in groups of any size. This is because the risk of transmission is lower outdoors. However, it will still be important for providers to ensure the groups are consistent, as far as possible, which means the same children in the same group each time they attend.Providers will need to regularly review groups to minimise the amount of mixing. |
| **children with health concerns and shielding** | Until 1 April, children deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend out-of-school settings while shielding advice applies nationally. Shielding advice is being paused nationally at midnight on 31 March. From 1 April, all clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people can attend wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings where they are eligible to do so, unless they are one of the very small number of children or young people under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. |

**4. Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs** guidance has been updated with the following:

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| **group sizes** | Until 29 March, you should continue to keep children in small groups of no more than 15 children, in line with the advice on indoor provision.From 29 March, all children can use outdoor provision regardless of circumstances or need. Additionally, if the activity is taking place outdoors, groups can be of any number.Decisions on group sizes for your setting should be based on:* whether the activity takes place indoors or outdoors
* the current government guidance on social distancing
* the ability of the children in attendance to maintain social distancing and practise hand hygiene
* the age of the children in attendance
* nature of your activity or provision (for example, static, classroom set-up rather than an activity that requires a range of movement)
* the size or layout of your premises
* the ability to ventilate your premises effectively with fresh air
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| **asymptomatic testing** | As of 22 March, asymptomatic testing has been expanded to provide more options to those who work in occupations related to childcare provision, schools, nurseries or colleges, as well as their household, childcare and support bubbles. This expansion helps those in related occupations, such as wraparound childcare providers (including those in out-of-school settings), access twice-weekly asymptomatic testing by any of the following:* attend a test site to take a test or pick up tests to do at home - find your nearest test site via the postcode checker or check your local council website
* attend a collection site to collect tests to do at home - find your nearest collection site online
* order a test online
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| **clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children and staff** | Until 1 April, children deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend out-of-school settings while shielding advice applies nationally. Shielding advice is being paused nationally at midnight on 31 March. From 1 April, all clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people can attend wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings where they are eligible to do so, unless they are one of the very small number of children or young people under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.Clinically vulnerable staff should continue to attend the setting where it is not possible to work from home.  |