



# The Anchor News

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# Learning for Life, Anchored in Christ

Our values focus this half term is

**Courage**



Hi Everyone,

I'm sure that everyone now knows that **ALL** pupils will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. Below are some of the details in the Government guidance to parents/carers and schools. You will find specific details of our updated risk assessments on the school website—Information for Parents— Covid Measures & remote education. These will be available mid-late next week for most up to date versions.

Your class teacher will be hosting a live discussion session on Teams next week where they will share key information and answers any queries/concerns you may have. Look out for the session on the weekly timetable.

All loaned laptops/Chrome books will need to be returned w/c 8.3.21 as this will be cleaned/ cleared and made ready for further use.

Link to an open letter from Education Secretary Gavin Williamson:

[open letter from the Secretary of State for Education to parents](#)

**From 8 March all children and students should return to school or college and attendance will be mandatory once again from this date.** Mandatory attendance means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly if they are registered at one. If you have concerns about your child attending, you should discuss these with your school or college. They should be able to explain ways they are changing things to reduce risks. If your child is confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable, they are advised not to attend school or college until further notice. Find out more on [shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

The [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only. Returning to school or college is also vital for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. To continue to manage the risks, schools will continue to implement the range of [protective measures](#) that they have been using throughout the autumn term. We have further strengthened these measures to help decrease the disruption the virus causes to education. Current evidence suggests that these measures are still the right ones to take. Adults (including staff and visitors) will wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible. They will therefore ask you and other visitors to use face coverings if you come on site.

Staff will be taking part in the asymptomatic testing programme to help reduce transmission of the virus and keep everyone safe. PHE has advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with LFDs.

Nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges will take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). They will contact their local health protection team if they:

have 2 or more confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) among pupils or staff within 14 days, see an overall rise in child or staff absence rates where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected. The local health protection team will advise what action is required. Closure will not usually be necessary, but some groups may need to self-isolate.

**Assessments in primary schools-** Statutory key stage 1 and 2 tests and teacher assessments planned for summer 2021 are cancelled. Schools will continue to use assessment during the summer term to:

inform teaching, to give you information about your child's attainment in their annual report and to support your child's transition to secondary school if they are in year 6.

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## Safeguarding:



### Support for children and parents

Online resources to help you support your child with mental health and wellbeing, including: [MindEd](#) - a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health

[Every Mind Matters](#) - an online tool and email journey to support everyone in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing

[Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) - information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff

PHE's [advice and guidance for parents and professionals on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#) includes key actions you can take to support your child. It also emphasises the importance of children continuing to remain fit and active and, wherever possible, having the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Youth Sport Trust and [Sport England](#) have advice and support on helping children and young people stay physically active.

### Support for children and young people

Get free, confidential support at any time by:

texting SHOUT to 85258

calling Childline on 0800 1111

calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Find help online through:

[Young Minds](#) - information on coronavirus (COVID-19) and mental health

[Think Ninja](#) - a free app for 10 to 18 year olds to help build resilience and stay well

[Every Mind Matters](#) - building resilience and supporting good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16

PHE has also launched new [e-learning which can help parents and carers](#) to support their children and young people in emergency or crisis situations.

Barnardo's [See, Hear, Respond service](#), provides support to children, young people and their families who are not currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). Use the See, Hear, Respond self-referral webpage or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

## Actions you should take on return to school

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if: they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) someone in their household is showing symptoms someone in their support bubble has symptoms and they have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started

they or someone in their household has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

they are required to [quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country](#)

[Book a test](#) if you or your child develop symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow guidance for [households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

Other household members (including any siblings) should self-isolate from the day your child's symptoms started (or the day they took a test if they did not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

If your child or someone in your household has tested positive while not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms. Your child does not need a test if they: have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell, but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

are advised to self-isolate because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), for example, another pupil in their class, but are not showing symptoms themselves .

**Please help nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges to create the safest possible environments by following this advice and the wider public health advice and guidance.**

**EU Settlement Scheme-** The Home Office is asking schools to remind parents, families, young people and staff that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Children and young people require their own immigration status and are **not covered** by a parent's application to the EUSS. Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on GOV.UK. The application deadline in order to continue living and working in the UK is **30th June 2021**. Support about applications is available on 0300 123 7379.

## UNICEF Rights of the Child

### Article 28: (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



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