

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 1 May

### **Education Health and Care Plans**

Guidance was published late yesterday by the DfE on temporary changes to education, health and care legislation during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

These changes are being reviewed and we will advise parents of any impact locally as soon as possible.

A letter from the Ministers responsible for children and young people with SEND has been written to parents/carers and families which outlines the changes and provides a link to the guidance. ***The letter can be accessed in our archives under 'May 2020 1.1 attachment – Joint DHSC & DFE Ministerial Letter'***

### **Public Health England has updated their guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection**

Public Health England has published guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at risk or has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. [The guidance can be found here.](#)

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 4 May

### **Information for parents and carers (updated 1 May 2020)**

The guidance adds information about the May bank holiday, a link to the admissions appeals and updates to the support available about home learning [What parents and carers need to know about schools, colleges and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

### **Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society during pandemic Press Release (2 May 2020)**

Communities Secretary [announces £76 million extra funding](#) to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and vulnerable children and their families and victims of modern slavery.

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 5 May

### **Initial decisions on GCSE and A level grading proposals for 2020**

There have been more than 12,500 responses to the consultation which closed on 29 April about grading proposals from teachers, teacher representative groups and unions, university or higher education institutions, parents, carers and students.

Decisions have been made about students in year 10 and below, along with private

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candidates: [Consultation decisions on who should receive a calculated grade](#) for

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### **Technology support for children and schools during coronavirus**

Local authorities, academy trusts and other organisations overseeing schools have now been sent information about how to place orders for digital devices.

Orders are expected to be delivered during May and June. Laptops and tablets will be delivered directly to the local authority or academy named in the application.

Arrangements will then be made for these to be collected or delivered in line with [social distancing guidelines](#).

## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 6 May**

### **Download magazines and comics for free**

The library service has launched a brand new [online service](#).

Library members can download magazines and comics for FREE to read at any time on an electronic device. With over a hundred full colour magazines available and over a thousand comics for people of all ages. All you need is your library card number and email address.

### **SEND Resources – issue 6**

Please find [edition 6 of the SEND resources](#) for schools and parent carers from the Specialist Teaching Service.

### **Eligibility for childcare offers**

Parents who are normally eligible for the government's childcare offers will continue receiving the entitlements during the summer term if their income levels fall due to the impact of coronavirus.

[Eligibility for government childcare offers protected](#)

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### **New virtual cyber initiative for teenagers**

The government has announced an online initiative to inspire young people to work in the cyber security sector through a range of extracurricular activities including online classes. Full details and the resources available [can be found here](#).

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 7 May

### Education Health and Care Plans – update

Since the publication of new guidance by the DfE last Friday we have been considering the detail and talking to our partners, including the Parent Carer Forum, to agree how best to meet the requirements.

Having done this, we plan to continue to work within the current timescales **for all EHCP processes**, unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as a child/young person arriving in the area that we do not have any information about.

We will also build on the processes we have put in place with schools and partners over the last few weeks and record any changes in provision that need to be made.

### Remote Science lessons for young people

STEM Learning is the largest provider of education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). They work with schools, colleges and others working with young people across the UK.

Through the website, [you can access a variety of free curriculum-linked](#) science lessons for children of all ages. These lessons cover a range of topics, including evolution, forces, and the human body. Created and recorded by subject experts, remote lessons can be accessed at any time of day, making it easy to fit into a home learning schedule.

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 11 May

### Prime Minister's address 10 May 2020

The Prime Minister referred to schools reopening in a phased way in his address yesterday evening, at the earliest by June and in stages beginning with reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are awaiting guidance from the DfE which is expected today to help us plan this with schools and partners. The full address is available below:

[Prime Minister Boris Johnson address to the nation on coronavirus](#)

### Home learning for schools and parents

Weekly thematic packs from the teaching and learning consultancy team provide resources across the age ranges to support households with multiple demands for home learning. We are providing a range of learning resources for schools to share with those learning at home. Ask your child's school for more information.

### **National SEND Statistics**

National data sources on children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) or a disability in England. [Special educational needs: analysis and summary of data sources](#)

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## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 12 May**

### **SEND resources for parents**

Issue 7 of the home learning ideas for pupils with Special Educational Needs from the specialist teaching service is now available.

### **New guidance from the DfE for parents and carers**

The guidance published yesterday evening is about the opening of schools and other education settings to more children. In Lancashire we are reviewing this guidance with schools and other settings to ensure any changes are implemented safely.

[Information for parents – reopening of schools from 1 June](#)

### **Statement from the Education Secretary**

Plans for schools, colleges and early years settings across England to open to more children and young people were set out yesterday. The full statement is available here: [Details on phased wider opening of schools, colleges and nurseries](#)

## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 13 May**

### **Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities**

The report from the first session of the Committee of Public Accounts has been published [and is available here](#).

### **Schools reopening Q&A**

The [Department for Education's blog](#) on the latest media stories.

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 14 May

### Children looked after

A range of national and local authority outcome measures for children looked after continuously for at least 12 months, including those with Special Education Needs

[Outcomes for children looked after by LAs: 31 March 2019](#)

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### Home Learning Resources

In case you missed these, here are some fun activities to try with children, from new born to aged 5. [Hungry little minds: activities for kids](#)

## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 15 May

### Domestic abuse

Seven women a month are killed by a current or former partner in England and Wales and 130,000 children live in homes where there is high-risk domestic abuse. Domestic abuse charities are reporting concern that these numbers will double during lockdown. The **poster attached** has all the key contacts for support – please share it with anyone in need.

### Preventing and controlling infection

This guidance was published on 14 May 2020 for staff working in education, childcare and children's social care settings in England, the children, young people and learners who attend these settings and their parents or carers.

[Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care](#)

### Critical workers list

The list of critical/key workers who can send their children to school or other educational settings during the coronavirus outbreak has been updated.

[Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings](#)

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## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 18 May

## **Phased reopening of schools**

Further to the Government announcement on Sunday 10 May and the DfE guidance which followed it last week, about the phased reopening of schools, Lancashire County Council's position is:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/schools/>

## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 20 May**

### **Education Secretary Statement**

The Government's response to the outbreak of coronavirus and plans to begin returning to school safely [Education Secretary's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 16 May](#)

### **£37 million to support children with complex needs**

The multi-million-pound settlement aims help low-income families with seriously ill or disabled children with the cost of equipment, goods or services. [£37 million to support children with complex needs](#)

### **SEND Resources**

Home learning ideas for pupils with [Special Educational Needs Issue 8](#)

### **Arrangements for Bank Holiday**

The DfE has advised schools to remain open over the forthcoming holiday period for children of key workers and vulnerable children where there is a need and they are able to do so.

The provision of FSMs vouchers/alternative solutions are available **for all eligible** children attending school and those at home throughout this period.

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## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 22 May**

### **SEND Resources**

Home learning ideas for pupils with Special Educational Needs Half term  
- Issue 9.

### **School Admission Appeals**

Despite current restrictions appeals will still be considered over the summer months in the context of emergency legislation from the Department for Education (DFE).

Further guidance can be found on the LCC website: [school admission appeals section](#).

### **School Crossing Patrols**

The service **will be reinstated from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020** although full cover will not be possible. Where this is the case your school will be aware.

### **The wider opening of nurseries, schools and colleges**

Information about the bank holiday and half term. Updated information on 30 hours free childcare, transport and SEND. [What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

### **Help and support for foster parents**

A guide for foster parents – [Support for Foster Parents](#)

### **Home learning advice**

For parents and carers supporting the home learning of secondary school children (year 7 to 11) [Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Information about some children returning to school [Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 25 May**

### **Latest position on DfE issued laptops**

Confirmation about the Lancashire order is awaited from the DfE. This is expected at the end of this week, following which distribution arrangements and despatch dates will be confirmed with schools. Year 10 provision will go direct to schools from the DfE. The council will

contact carers of young people with a social worker to advise of the date and time period they should collect their laptops.

### **Prime Minister's statement 24 May 2020**

Schools, colleges and nurseries across England remain on track to open to more children from 1 June, the confirmed today [PM confirms schools, colleges and nurseries on track to begin phased reopening](#)

### **Cancellation of GCSE's, AS and A levels**

The guidance is students who were expecting to take GCSE, AS or A level exams this summer, but who will not be able to receive a calculated grade and students concerned that their calculated grade might not reflect their performance had their exams gone ahead: [cancellations of GCSE's, AS and A levels.](#)

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## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 27 May**

### **Schools advised not to re-open to more pupils from 1 June**

See the full article [here](#).

## **MESSAGES FOR PARENTS 29 May**

### **Advice for parents and carers**

Updated guidance for those with early years children who have not yet started school to include information on mental health and wellbeing.

[Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

### **Department for Transport travelling advice for parents and pupils**

The Department for Transport has issued advice on how parents and pupils can travel to school safely as part of the #TravelSafely campaign. Resources [can be found here](#).

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