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| We are continuing to keep you updated on the government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).**Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:Phone: 0800 046 8687Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.ukOpening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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|          No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England. |

**The importance of hygiene**Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.**New guidance for employers**The Department for Business (BEIS) and Public Health England have issued guidance for employers, which you can find at:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/guidance-for-employers-and-businesses-on-covid-19>**Where to find the latest information**Updates on COVID-19:<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>Guidance for educational settings:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus> |

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