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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 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)   |  | | --- | |          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> | |  |