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## 1. Latest information on coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Department for Education has published guidance about COVID-19 in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) on GOV.UK.

Please check GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) regularly for updates.

## 2. Information: Procurement Policy Note 02/20: Supplier relief due to COVID-19

Procurement Policy Note (PPN) 02/20 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19>) sets out information and guidance for public bodies on payment of their suppliers to ensure service continuity during and after the current coronavirus (COVID-19), outbreak.

The department has produced further detailed guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19/procurement-policy-notice-ppn-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19-additional-sector-guidance-for-state-funded-schools>) to support the use of this PPN, focusing on 3 important areas:

- helping to determine if you are a contracting authority - and therefore whether PPN02/20 applies to you
- to provide you with some overarching principles and guidance on how you may choose to review and respond to supplier requests within the scope of the PPN
- specific guidance on school food contracts

For questions related to PPN 02/20, please contact [PPN0220.QUESTIONS@education.gov.uk](mailto:PPN0220.QUESTIONS@education.gov.uk).

Buyers in schools or those who manage contracts can also find coronavirus (COVID-19) procurement advice on the buying for schools (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buying-for-schools>) GOV.UK pages.