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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 on GOV.UK.

Please check **GOV.UK** regularly for updates.

2. Action: Condition Data Collection (CDC) - accessing your school condition report

The CDC programme collects condition, contextual and building management data for every state-maintained school and college in England, which will help inform how we target future capital investment to where it is needed most.

The school condition reports produced can help highlight condition issues which need attention or further investigation. We have extended the deadline for you to download your school condition report from the <u>CDC portal</u> to Wednesday 12 August. If you require further information, please submit your enquiry using our enquiry form, including the name and URN of your school.

Guidance on managing your estate effectively is available on GOV.UK.

3. Reminder: deadline for claiming exceptional costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19)

You have until 21 July 2020 to submit an application form to claim exceptional costs associated with COVID-19.

There will be no opportunity to request an extension to the deadline.

4. Information: universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) allocations for 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021

We have published the final UIFSM allocations for 2019 to 2020 and the provisional allocations for academic year 2020 to 2021.

Please note that the allocations for 2020 to 2021 are based on an increased per meal rate of £2.34.

We are sorry for the delay in publishing these details. We thought it was important not to delay payment even though the publication of the allocations was unavoidably delayed.

5. Information: See Hear Respond service in response to COVID-19

See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to COVID-19.

The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies.

Working with its partners Barnardo's aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place using:

- online digital support, including advice and information, online counselling and a telephone helpline
- face to face interventions, such as support for groups at risk outside the home and one to one support
- reintegration into education, including assessments and the delivery of support pathways back to education

See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 and via the online referral hub.

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