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## 1. Information: helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education

Staff, parents and young people with questions about COVID-19 related to education can contact the helpline as follows:

- phone: 0800 046 8687
- email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

The opening hours are 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

The [latest guidance for education settings](#) is available on GOV.UK.

## 2. Action: gender pay gap reporting 2020

The statutory deadline for publishing gender pay gap data is fast approaching.

Schools, academy trusts and further education colleges with 250 or more employees should publish their figures by no later than Monday 30 March 2020.

If you have 250 or more employees, you need to

- ensure your organisation has a nominated individual registered with the [gender pay gap reporting service](#)
- start preparing your organisation's gender pay gap information using these [gender pay gap resources](#)
- read our guidance on [how to identify causes of the gender pay gap](#) in your organisation
- [report your gender pay gap data](#) ahead of the 30 March 2020 deadline for public sector organisations

## 3. Information: recoupment guidance for 2020 to 2021

We have published details of the [dedicated schools grant \(DSG\) recoupment process for the 2020 to 2021 financial year](#).

## 4. Information: 16 to 19 rates and formula guidance

We have published the [16 to 19 funding rates and formula guidance](#) for academic year 2020 to 2021 on GOV.UK.

We have made the following additions and updates:

- we have revised the section 'Scope of the 16 to 19 funding model'.
- the programme cost weighting section and annex A have been updated with the new weightings for high-cost subjects.

There are new sections on:

- level 3 programme maths and English payment
- the high value courses premium (HVCP)

- T Level industry placements
- the condition of funding adjustment
- T Levels

Where the funding formula varies for T Levels, the differences are covered in the relevant sections.

## 5. Information: final qualification achievement rates (QAR) 2018 to 2019

We will publish your final QAR 2018 to 2019 data on Thursday 26 March. All the data will be available through the [View Your Education Data](#) portal.

The [QAR webpage](#) provide details about this data release and accessing the dashboard. To access the data, please ensure you have the correct [IDAMS user access](#). Please see the IDAMS user guides for creating access or checking your user permissions.

We will publish the [National Achievement Rate Tables for 2018 to 2019](#) on Thursday 26 March at 9:30am.

If you have any questions, please contact us using our [online enquiry form](#).

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