



# Correspondence

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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. Information: incentive payment for hiring new apprentices - applications go live

We have updated the 2020 to 2021 consistent financial reporting (CFR) framework to include guidance for coronavirus (COVID-19) related funding.

Section I18 now states how grants provided specifically in connection with COVID-19 should be recorded. Please use this [updated guidance](#) to help you complete your return.

If you have any problems, or need advice about the collection, please [contact the Data Collection Helpdesk](#) via a data collections service request form.

### 3. Information: The School Information (England) Regulations 2020

In 2019 the Department for Education ran a consultation entitled "[Financial transparency of local authority maintained schools and academy trusts](#)" and has begun implementing the proposals as per [the government response](#).

The School Information (England) Regulations 2020 take effect from 1 January 2021 and require maintained schools to publish on their website the number of school employees (if any) whose gross annual salary is £100,000 or more in £10,000 bands. Schools may display this information however they wish, although we recommend doing so via a table.

Schools must also publish a link to the specific page on the Schools Financial Benchmarking dedicated to their school using the unique reference number allocated to the school by the Department for Education. For example: <https://schools-financial-benchmarking.service.gov.uk/school/detail?urn=234567>.

After "urn=" you will need to insert your school's URN. If you do not know your URN you can find it on [Get information about schools \(GIAS\)](#).

Further guidance relating to the information that schools must publish online is [available on GOV.UK](#).

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[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support](#)

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[Check the new rules for January 2021](#)

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