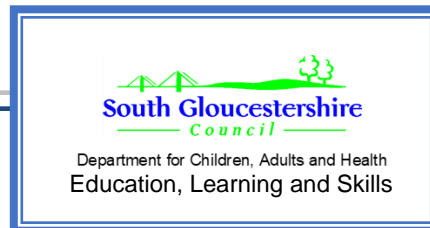
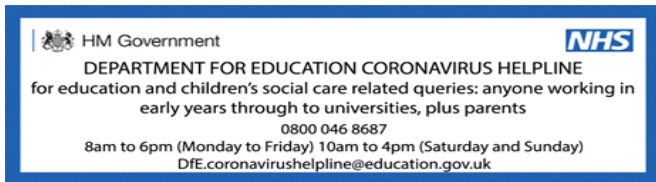


COVID19 Education Continuity Newsletter



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Public Health England now has updated the guidance on COVID-19 for educational settings [here](#) Keep checking daily.

Looked After Children – Virtual School

This article is to let you know how the virtual school will attempt to respond to this ever changing situation and give you and the children as much support as possible. The virtual school team are all still working and will be contactable via email or phone. The Head of Virtual School is

steve.claypoole@southglos.gov.uk At the start of next week, we will start contacting all carers, parents and children to ensure that we have a clear understanding of what educational provision is in place and to discuss and support with any areas of concern or worry which we anticipate will be many.

All schools have been tasked with providing on site education for looked after children and those with a social worker. We strongly recommend that this additional support is accessed where possible. The opportunity to maintain some routine and to have education delivered in smaller groups may be really positive for some our children and may also help to relieve anxiety. There will also be a real chance to develop some strong relationships with other students and staff. Schools should have communicated plans for any on site education to you directly. Lack of transport may be an issue for some students and although this is being resolved for most, we anticipate this being a continued barrier for others. Where lack of transport is preventing access to education, we would like to know so that we can explore solutions.

Some parents and carers have concerns about sending children into school due their own underlying health issues. These situations will be especially challenging and will require a very carefully planned approach at home. We are especially keen to speak with carers in this situation to ensure that we can understand the home situation in terms of education and more importantly everyone's wellbeing.

Planning work at home will probably will feel daunting, schools will have taken the lead on providing materials and setting work online. Please ensure that you have all the relevant logins to online learning and that you understand how each system works. This may mean you need a tutorial led by the child. Please contact us with any concerns you have about your children or for advice and guidance in planning for the coming few weeks.

School Closures

Schools are asked to update the school closure system as they would if a school closed for snow etc. This is for partial closures and full closures. Please visit this website [here](#) **The closure website has now been changed to ensure it does not reset overnight, so your open/closed status will remain until you change it. Please check that your status is up to date.**

If you have any queries, we have people regularly checking the following email address that can advise you accordingly: Educ.lm@southglos.gov.uk

Medicines Guidance

Advice from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group Medicines Optimisation Team:

With schools closing for the children, please can teachers return named medication back to pupils' parents/carers, e.g. inhalers and epi-pens, for those children that will not be attending school. If this has not yet been done, please ensure you contact parents/carers to arrange collection.

If the child will be attending the same school the medication should stay on the premises, however if the child will be moving to an alternative provider please advise the parent/carer to take the medicine to the new location. Schools who are merging need to consider robust ways to ensure medical information is shared with all staff who will be caring for the children. Please ensure you have this system in place.

Some schools have issued a 'Data Collection Sheet' if schools merge, to ensure all medical, allergies and emergency contacts are recorded.

This is to reduce medication waste and ensure pupils don't run out of essential medication.



Attendance when schools merge

Following advice received from the DfE yesterday from today, Monday 23 March, until schools reopen for education to all pupils, educational settings will need to temporarily change their attendance recording practices. To minimise the burden on settings and ensure that only the most important information is submitted, settings must:

1. Stop taking normal attendance registers. For administrative purposes, code # (planned whole or partial closure) should be used in the normal register. Where schools subscribe to the Integra IMS support and have remote access to your server, please email IMSsupport@integra.co.uk to request us to complete this on your behalf.
2. Complete a new streamlined record of attendance for all children attending the educational setting using a simple spreadsheet (including those who may not normally be enrolled at the school). Instructions about how settings should record attendance are included on the first tab in the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-attendance-recording-for-educational-settings>
3. The spreadsheet will calculate the exact information needed to complete a short daily online form notifying the Department for Education about a setting's status regarding COVID-19.

For pupils arriving at your school from other settings, please use the attached blank Data Collection Sheet to record their details.

To enable us to provide the highest level of service to you please email all queries and requests for service to IMSsupport@integra.co.uk, adding a contact number for us to return a call if you do not have access to the school phone number.

EMTAS Support for Traveller Families

The Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) are offering support to schools. Nicky Rise, Welfare Liaison Worker, is available to come to schools and collect work packs and deliver these to traveler families. EMTAS are also offering to 'top up' learning packs with culturally relevant resources if this is helpful to schools.

Please contact Nicky via phone or email.

Email: nicky.rice@southglos.gov.uk

Tel: 01454 868473

Mob: 07917243856



South Gloucestershire Council
Department for Children, Adults and Health
Education, Learning and Skills

CPOMS when schools merge



Do you use CPOMS? Schools who are merging, may wish to add the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy DSL to their CPOMS system (for those who are level 3 trained). This will ensure your recording and information sharing for vulnerable children is robust. Once the staff member has been added to CPOMS, you can set the relevant permissions and decide if they can view historical information and/or add new information. CPOMS staff can assist with this process if you need support.

Essential Hygiene Supplies

If you are struggling to get a supply of hand sanitizer, the Local Authority would like to offer support. Please contact tanya.smith@southglos.gov.uk who will be able to make arrangements for essential hygiene supplies to be ordered for your school.



Integra Home Learning Resources for Families and Schools

Integra Schools and South Gloucestershire Council are pleased to launch a new online resource to support parents, carers and teachers. This resource brings together a range of free and easy to access online activities and learning for children of all ages, and is clearly grouped into subjects and topics, such as English and Maths. Schools will be sent information and a link later today (22/03/20)

We hope to develop this resource over time, creating a valuable tool for parents, as well as teachers to use when normal school attendance is disrupted.

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Headteacher Support

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This is a testing time for school leaders. We want to ensure you feel fully supported whilst managing this difficult situation. Mark Dee is available Monday to Wednesday as a point of contact if you need any practical guidance and support: mark.dee@southglos.gov.uk. If you subscribe to the Heads well-being service, Sarah Rawet is a great source of advice/support: Sarah.Rawet@sgmail.org.uk One You South Gloucestershire has a range of mental health and wellbeing support and this can be found [here](#).

Please contact Faye Bertham faye.bertham@southglos.gov.uk and Andrew Best andrew.best@southglos.gov.uk and via email to ensure we can advise and support you on any challenges you may be facing also.

Key Contacts:

Access and Response Team – 01454 86 6000 (during working hours)

Emergency duty team – 01454 615165 (out of hours)

Police – 101 for non-urgent issues & 999 if urgent and an immediate response is needed

Domestic Abuse Concerns - Next Link South Glos domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am – 1:00pm on Saturday 0800 4700 280

Mental health support - CAMHS (if young person is currently under CAMHS) – 01454 862431 or if you are concerned that you are not able to keep your child safe or they are not able to keep themselves safe then take them to the Accident & Emergency department at Bristol Children's hospital or call for an ambulance.

Food banks links for families living in South Glos

<https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>

Food banks links for families living in Bristol

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

<https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Parents worried about exploitation - <https://paceuk.info/> or for confidential help and advice, call Pace on 0113 240 5226

CHILDLINE – 0800 1111 or visit their website www.childline.org.uk

Samaritans – 116 123

Mental health apps approved by NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/>

Andrew Hall Safeguarding Guidance

'Should schools have to close the impact will perhaps be felt greatest by the most vulnerable children. I think there are probably two key aspects to consider, food and child protection.'

Please read advise from the Andrew Hall Safeguarding in Schools website as there is some really useful and clear guidance.

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-advice-for-schools/>

Safeguarding In Schools

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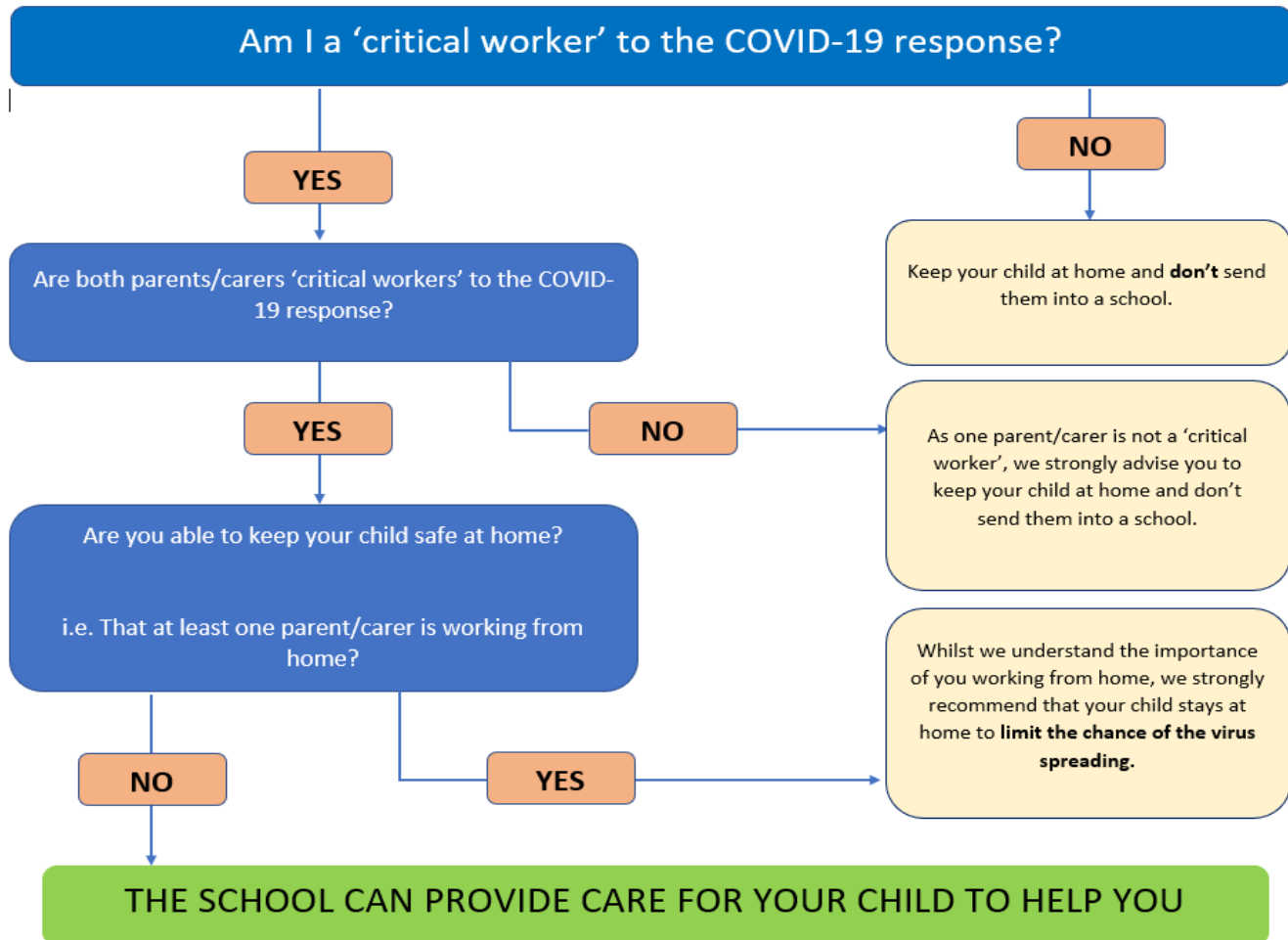
Mind You Website

Mind You is South Gloucestershire's mental health and emotional wellbeing hub for children and young people. There are also sections for parents/carers and professionals. During the Coronavirus we will be regularly updating the home page with helpful information around services and tips to help with mental health and emotional wellbeing if people are struggling with the social distancing and self-isolation. It is vital we are looking after our mental health as well as our physical health.

<https://sites.southglos.gov.uk/mind-you/>

This flowchart is useful to use in discussion with parents when they are requesting a school place for their child. **If they possibly can, they need to keep their child at home. Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

This is not government guidance but is useful to assist you in discussion with parents.



New guidance on pupils with EHCPs

'Special schools, colleges and local authorities are advised to make case by case basis assessments of the health and safeguarding considerations of pupils and students on an education, health and care (EHC) plan. For some, they will be safer in an education provision. For others, they will be safer at home. We trust leaders and parents to make these decisions and will support them as required.'

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'Those with an EHC plan should be risk-assessed by their school or college in consultation with the local authority (LA) and parents, to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school or college place in order to meet their needs, or **whether they can safely have their needs met at home**. This could include, if necessary, carers therapists or clinicians visiting the home to provide any essential services. Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home.'

There is an expectation wherever possible, that students can access learning remotely. Here are some ideas to support schools in this process.

E-Learning Curriculum Sharing Best Practice



Department for Children, Adults and Health

Earwig Lite

Earwig Lite is now available for free to everyone wishing to manage education during the Corona Crisis.

Earwig is an app that enables teachers to upload and store multimedia evidence of teaching, assess against this evidence using any or multiple curriculums and create automatic tracking, benchmarking and reporting. Parents can be given access to upload work and teachers can communicate safely with the pupil and parent through the app. info@earwigacademic.com

Amazon Audible - Free access for children

For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Starting today, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet.

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

2 Simple - Free Access

With the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19) now affecting some educational institutions around the world, it is possible that your school may need to close temporarily and we at 2Simple are offering free access to both Purple Mash and Serial Mash for the duration of your closure.

<https://2simple.com/free-access/>

E-Learning Schools in South Glos

White Rose Maths

White Rose Maths have been busy planning some free packages for schools if they have to close. These will be released from Monday 16th March. They include video tutorials and access to their premium content. <https://whiterosemaths.com/>

Times Table Rock Stars - Free Access

<https://trockstars.com/page/covid19support>

Offering schools free access for 60 days. Lots of fun ways to practise their times tables.

In South Gloucestershire, we are keen to share innovative ideas for remote learning and e-learning schools.

We will disseminate these ideas to all schools.

Please email your ideas to our School Improvement Team at:

Faye.bertham@southglos.gov.uk and
Andrew.best@southglos.glos.gov.uk

EduBlogs

Our guide will give you insights into how educators around the world are approaching school closures.

Thousands of teachers worldwide are currently sharing snippets of their experiences via social media or their blogs. We've compiled, curated, and built on some common themes and ideas to create this extensive guide

https://www.theedublogger.com/teaching-online-school-closures/?utm_source=Edublogs&utm_campaign=53d3660197-Edublogs_Weekly_14_12_2017_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0417f70ab4-53d3660197-81351920

EduPuzzle Pro

[EduPuzzle](#) is offering free access to schools and teachers. You can sign u [here](#)

Twinkl - Free Access

Twinkl is offering every teacher in England, access to all Twinkl resources with a one month ultimate membership. We are also extending this to every parent, carer and pupil.

Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter code UKTWINKLHELPS. This applies to new members.