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Guidance

Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.

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From the beginning of the autumn term, the DfE will expect all pupils, in all year groups, to return to school full-time. Information on what parents and carers need to know (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>) about the opening of schools is available.

It is vital for all children to return to school for their educational progress, for their wellbeing and for their wider development.

This page and information for teachers (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>) will be updated regularly to include further resources and reflect the latest information and developments.

While staying at home due to coronavirus, parents and carers may be worried about their children's development and the effect of missing school or nursery.

No one expects parents to act as teachers, or to provide the activities and feedback that a school or nursery would. Parents and carers should do their best to help children and support their learning while dealing with other demands.

Get specific advice on how education can continue at home for children:

- aged 2 to 4 (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)

- at primary school (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)
- at secondary school (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)
- with special educational needs and disabilities (**SEND**) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)

Alongside any work your children receive from school, you can try using online educational resources (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>) covering various subjects and age groups.

Educational programmes to help children learn at home (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>) are available from the BBC.

Have regular conversations about staying safe online (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>) and tell your child to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Mental health and wellbeing

The change of routine and staying at home may make this a difficult time for some children. Public Health England has published advice on how to support your children's wellbeing (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>) during the coronavirus outbreak.

Guidance is also available to help you look after your own mental health (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing>).

Advice on helping children continue their education during coronavirus

Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)

Information on making child development a part of everyday life and play.

Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)

How to provide support and feedback and structure the day.

Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)

How to help your child organise their time.

Help children with **SEND** continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Resources designed to support special educational needs and disabilities.

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- Teaching during coronavirus (COVID-19) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)
- Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>)
- Supporting vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>)
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