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| **Summary of Government Guidance: Education and childcare settings: New National Restrictions from 5 November 2020 - for Schools and Out of School activities and wrap-around childcare.** The full guidance can be found[here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=7427a8d7-6fbd-4315-b29f-2c648cfb91a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate) |
|  | **Schools** | **Out-of-school activities and wraparound childcare** |
| **General** | * Continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions.
* Continue to undertake risk assessments and implement the system of controls set out in the guidance.
* Ensure any changes required in light of national restrictions are in place as soon as practically possible, and by Monday 9 November at the latest.
 | * May continue to operate if the primary purpose is providing registered childcare, or other childcare activities, where this is reasonably necessary to enable parents to work, search for work or undertake training or education.
* May also continue to operate:
* For the purposes of respite care, including for vulnerable children.
* Activities used by home educating parents as part of their arrangements for their child to receive a suitable full-time education
* Youth support services, including 1-1 youth work and support groups
* Continue to undertake risk assessments in existing guidance.
* All other out of school activities should close for face-to-face provision.
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| **Face Coverings** | * **Primary** - there is no change to the existing position. It is not mandatory for staff and visitors to wear face coverings. In situations where social distancing between adults in settings is not possible, settings have the discretion to recommend the use of face coverings for adults on site, for both staff and visitors.
* **Secondary** - face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.
* Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings.
* Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport.
 | * Should be used where it is a requirement of the indoor setting and where the teaching, training or activity is taking place in an area in which children aged 11 and over or staff are likely to come into contact with other members of the public.
* Should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.
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| **Clinically extremely vulnerable children**  | * Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child’s GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.
* Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend whilst the national restrictions are in place.
* Schools will need to make appropriate arrangements to enable them to continue their education at home.
* Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.
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| **Clinically extremely vulnerable staff** | * Those individuals who are clinically extremely vulnerable are advised to work from home and not to go into work. Individuals in this group will have been identified through a letter from the NHS or from their GP, and may have been advised to shield in the past.
* Staff should talk to their employers about how they will be supported, inc. to work from home where possible, during the period of national restrictions.
* All other staff should continue to attend work, including those living in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.
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| **Clinically vulnerable**  | * Staff and children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend in line with current guidance.
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| **Music, dance & drama** | * Can be undertaken in school so long as safety precautions are undertaken.
* See [full opening guidance for schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#music-dance-and-drama-in-school).
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| **Residential providers** | * Support students to reduce travel between home and educational accommodation unless absolutely necessary.
* Normal term time travel between boarding school and home is allowed.
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| **Transport** | * Children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to those who are [exempt](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#exemptions-face-coverings).
* Travel in or out of local areas should be avoided, and parents, carers and staff should look to reduce the number of journeys they make - but travelling to deliver and access education is still permitted.
* Walking or cycling to school is encouraged. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport.
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| **Exams** | * Exams will go ahead next summer.
* Most AS, A levels and GCSEs will be held 3 weeks later.
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| **Sport and Physical Education** | * Flexibility to decide how PE, sport and physical activity will be provided whilst following the measures in system of controls.
* Sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the government’s guidance on team sport and been approved by the government are permitted.
* Schools must only provide team sports listed on the [return to recreational team sport framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/return-to-recreational-team-sport-framework).
* Competition between different schools should not take place.
* Pupils should be kept in consistent groups and sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups.
* Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flows, distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene.
* External facilities can also be used in line with government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities.
* Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so.
* Consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within wider protective measures.
* Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel help to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.
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