

Latest Covid-19 advice sent on behalf of the East Sussex County Council Director of Children's Services

School Trips

The Government, based on guidance from the DfE, has issued the [advice](#) as a safeguarding measure to address the specific challenges organisers of trips for under 18s would face should adult supervisors or children exhibit symptoms that require self-isolation, or where measures taken by foreign countries to control coronavirus change rapidly.

international school trips taking place in the next month will need to be cancelled. Maintained and academies buying into East Sussex County Council insurance services need to submit a claim. The time frame will be monitored and advice updated accordingly. All other school settings should speak to their own insurance agents.

UK trips can continue, although you need to amend risk assessment to take into account the new self-isolation rules in case a pupil or an adult supervisor is exposed to coronavirus or show symptoms. In reviewing these assessments schools and colleges will be expected to have contingency measures in place which are agreed with parents.

There is [guidance](#) for UK students, university and college staff over the age of 18 travelling overseas during term breaks, or for placements and exchanges, advising them to look at the latest [FCO travel advice](#) and Public Health England (PHE) Public Health matters guidance.

Coughs and Colds

If a child or teacher have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, they should stay at home and do not leave the house for 7 days from when the symptoms started.

The guidance for anyone staying at home is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Only children who have these symptoms need to stay at home, other siblings can continue.

DfE Helpline

DfE has opened a helpline to support educational settings with their queries regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The helpline is available for staff, parents and young people to contact.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

You can find the latest details on the virus including what to do if you believe you have its symptoms at: [NHS Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

Please also be aware that advice and guidance are subject to change and you will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. You can also keep up to date by regularly checking the links.

Please route enquiries through Julian Patmore in the first instance. 07500 123653 julian.patmore@eastsussex.gov.uk

Centrally Organised Courses and Events: Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service (SLES) and ISEND.

Centrally organised staff training and moderation events planned by East Sussex, from Monday 16 March up to the 3rd April, are postponed. This reflects the priority we place on delivering our statutory responsibilities and keeping our schools open. Staff who have booked courses through the learning portal will receive a direct message to this effect.

This does not include events that have been organised by a school or setting, in their own venue, with a centrally provided service. These will be considered by the school and service on a case by case basis.

Events that take place after Easter will be reviewed during March. Those that are not time-critical will be rescheduled, those that are not, for example moderation activities, will be reviewed and alternative approaches developed to manage the process and provide support.