



To All Headteachers

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Dear Colleague

I hope you managed to have a restful weekend, particularly as I'm sure there is much activity this week in preparation for the return of all pupils.

I only have a few of items to mention today but would remind you all to look out for the KELSI e-bulletins that were reinstated this term for other key updates.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme

You may or may not be aware that Kent County Council has recently received grant funding from the Department for Education to deliver the [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme](#) and has commissioned the local planning and delivery of this to The Education People (and Early Years & Childcare Service particularly).

The aim of the HAF Programme is to make free places available to children eligible for Free School Meals for the equivalent of at least 4 hours a day, 4 days a week, 6 weeks a year. As a result of the Programme offer, we want children who attend this provision to:

- eat more healthily
- be more active
- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character, and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- be safe and not to be socially isolated
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services.

Therefore, we are seeking to identify those providers who are planning to deliver holiday playscheme provision over **Easter 2021** and would be interested to become a delivery partner on the HAF Programme.

Please can we ask you to complete this short survey which can be found at the link below, it should take between five and ten minutes to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xiE78Bg-Dkmya3mcWSP0W1TlxDK0pC9NsDjDDG4dp-hUMjZFOVRNN0hMMTU2SlkwTUw4RUQ5RktGOS4u>

The survey will be open until **Tuesday 9 March 2021**.

Delivery of Face Coverings to Secondary Settings

In line with Public Health England (PHE) advice, the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has temporarily extended its policy on the use of face coverings in education and childcare settings. This change will take effect from 8th March and will be in place until Easter. As with all measures, the face coverings policy will be kept under review and guidance will be updated accordingly.

It is expected that most staff, pupils, and students will already have access to face coverings from their wider use in society. However, it is recommended that all settings have a small contingency stock of face coverings available if an individual is struggling to access a face covering or has damaged/forgotten their own.

To support the return to full attendance and ensure maximum compliance with the system of controls, DHSC are distributing Type IIR masks to secondary settings and FE institutions, at no charge. **This supply is for use only as the settings' contingency stock of face coverings.** Secondary settings should expect to receive an initial delivery by the end of the week commencing 8th March. In the coming weeks, these settings may receive further stock depending on the size of the establishment and requirement for contingency face covering stock. DHSC estimate that this stock should be **sufficient to cover the settings' contingency face covering stock until at least the Easter holidays.** DHSC cannot accept returns of these items.

As outlined in DfE guidance, in primary and early years (EY) settings it is recommended that staff and visitors wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained between adults. Children in these settings should not be asked to wear face coverings.

For any queries or complaints on delivery or missing items, please contact the DHSC PPE helpline (provided by UNIPART) on 0800 8766802, you should identify yourself as an education setting. Alternatively, you can email dfeppequeries@unipart.com and the query will be handled by the helpline team.

2021-22 School Budgets

Please find a [letter from Matt Dunkley announcing the publishing of the 2021-22 school budgets](#). The 2021-22 delegated Local Funding Formula (LFF) and indicative Pupil Premium and Devolved Formula Capital budget templates are now available on KELSIs for all Local Authority (LA) Maintained Schools via the following link: [2021-22 School Budgets](#). We have also provided a separate budget template for Kent Academies which provides

details of the relevant payments the Council is responsible for making, which can be accessed via the same link.

Yours sincerely

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