



This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

### **Health and Safety Executive announcement on supporting schools to implement protective measures**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is continuing their work with schools to ensure all possible steps are taken to help keep pupils and staff safe and reduce the transmission of coronavirus.

Over the coming days and weeks, HSE will be phoning schools to check their risk assessments and the arrangements they have in place to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

To assist schools with any calls from HSE, we would suggest staff are made aware of the checks and designated individuals are familiar with the school's risk assessment. In cases where the initial call raises concerns, HSE will work with schools to advise on next steps, which may include a visit if appropriate. This will be on a suitable date and time arranged in collaboration with the school.

We know that schools are working extremely hard to protect staff and pupils by putting protective measures in place. We hope this additional support from HSE will provide further reassurance to staff, pupils and parents.

Please ensure you're following the [latest government guidance](#) and any subsequent updates issued by the relevant authority.

If you have any questions or concerns about coronavirus, the HSE has standard questions and answers available, if you still need assistance you can contact them by phone or email. All information is [available on their website](#).