

Covid-19 update from the Education and Skills Team

Professional Advocates for Children in Education, Governor Support, NQTs, Early Years, the Virtual School for Looked after Children and In Year Fair Access

A short and sweet bulletin

No change in arrangements for Covid safety as far as the DfE are concerned, but we hope you feel supported by the advice from Dr Dewis, most recently for Christmas events. We know that a few of our primary schools are having a hard time at the moment – you are doing the best you can and you are making a difference even if it feels tough at the moment. We get to know the outbreak figures in our regular sessions with our friends in the local health team.

You know who you are and we are thinking of you.

Stay safe and chin up.

Pauline, Jo and the E&S team

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CO2 monitors – in case you were wondering

Apparently, as of 29 October there were **144,723** CO2 monitors delivered to state-funded education settings, including early years, schools and further education providers. Has anyone had a delivery yet?



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CO2 monitors: cumulative delivery statistics

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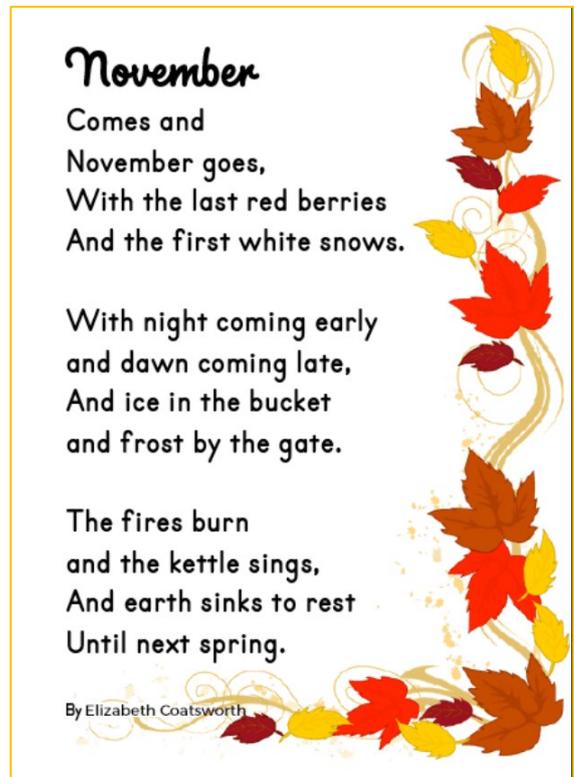
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/co2-monitors-cumulative-delivery-statistics-up-to-29-october-2021>



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Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19) mass testing funding for schools and colleges: exceptional costs guidance

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The DfE have identified areas where it is most likely that schools may have faced exceptional premises costs, because of the COVID-19 national testing programme.

“Premises-related costs - Claims can be made for unavoidable additional premises costs incurred for the period from 23 August 2021 to 17 September 2021 if, in accordance with the published guidance, it was necessary to:

- hire additional space at external premises (such as a church hall or community centre)
- make temporary infrastructural changes (such as hiring a marquee, portacabin or similar temporary accommodation to create additional space on site)
- adapt existing spaces (such as temporary flooring that is capable of being cleaned with appropriate products)”

Schools will need to identify which category the claim relates to, and supply documentary evidence of the costs being claimed, such as a copy of an invoice. Exceptional costs that fall outside of these categories are not in scope for this fund.

The deadline for submitting your claim for premises costs is 11:59PM on 5 December 2021. The minimum claim is £250.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-mass-testing-funding-for-schools-and-colleges>