

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

Another short and sweet

We are sure that Derby leaders are relieved that there is much less C-19 information coming in on a day-by-day basis in recent weeks. This is another short bulletin with information that is mainly reminder rather than new insights. Please don't let this fool you – there is plenty of C-19 about in Derby.

Nothing to do with C-19 so 'forgive me, forgive me' (sorry) – but we were struck recently by the power of the teacher to change lives when we saw the extract from the Adele concert where she was re-introduced to one of her teachers from long ago. Let us never forget that we can all be that special teacher for someone – through horrible times and through good times. Often, we have no idea that we are making that difference. One of our team can still remember Mr Grundy from St Peter's and can still recite obscure proverbs ('Fine words butter no parsnips.') because of him.

It has never been more challenging that it is now for teachers along with all adults who work in schools. You may not always realise it, but you are making this bearable for so many children and young people.

Thank you.

Pauline, Jo and the E&S team



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Information on applying for air cleaning units in SEND and Alternative Provision

In a recent DfE email, leaders of special schools and APs along with headteachers of schools with ERFs may have noted the 1,000 DfE-funded air cleaning units available. These are for teaching spaces and staff rooms in SEND and Alternative Provision settings, including SEN units in mainstream settings, where improvements to ventilation have not yet been possible. These settings are being prioritised given the higher-than-average number of vulnerable pupils attending those settings. Eligible settings can now [apply](#) for a DfE-funded air cleaning unit. Before applying, please read the [guidance](#) which includes the eligibility criteria, the application process and form. Applications will close at 5pm on Tuesday 7 December.

(An online 'marketplace' will be available from early-December if your setting is not eligible for a DfE-funded unit. This will be available for all state-funded primary and secondary schools, further education colleges and early years settings. The marketplace will provide a route to purchasing air cleaning units directly from suppliers at a suitable specification and competitive price.)

Coronavirus: face masks and PPE in schools and colleges

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Useful summary from the BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51943612>

People in England are being advised to test for Covid before going to crowded places.

The government also advises that people test before spending time with those at greater risk from coronavirus.

November Trivia Answers

On the 13th of November John Montagu was born... But what was named after him? The sandwich - His full name was: John Montagu, Fourth Earl of Sandwich and he is credited with popularising the sandwich in 1762. It is rumoured that while refusing to leave the table during a reaaaally long game of cards, he asked for some meat in-between two slices of bread so that he could eat with one hand... Genius!

November was the month in which this British heroine was born. She famously rescued survivors from a shipwreck off Northumbria in 1838. Who was she? Grace Darling

Lewis Carroll's novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published in November 1865. What was the writer's real name? Charles Lutwidge Dodgson

In Nov 1990 who became the first female President of Ireland. Mary Robinson

One of the most popular board games ever devised was launched by Parker Brothers in 1935. Monopoly

In 1940 which politician became the only U.S. President to win a third term in office? Franklin D. Roosevelt

Which politician resigned as British Prime Minister in 1940 and died in November of the same year? Neville Chamberlain

Who became King of Spain following the death of Franco in 1975? Juan Carlos I

In Nov of which year did Angela Merkel become the first female Chancellor of Germany? a) 2001 b) 2003 c) 2005

In 1957 what was the name of the dog Russia launched into orbit around the earth? Laika