

Staff Headlines

5th November 2020

This week, schools in Northern Ireland reopened after the extended half-term break and children and young people were welcomed back to classrooms.

With changes in both schools and workplaces, our shared focus remains on facilitating Education through Covid and improving our services to ensure a safe and successful environment for all.

We recognise that there may still be some challenges ahead and we will continue to work in partnership with our school communities in the weeks ahead.

Cross-sectoral Link Officers are in place to provide direct support to Principals, however it's important that we all stay up-to-date on the latest information for schools which is available on [C2K Covid-19 page](#). The Covid-19 page is listed under 'Resources', on C2K home page.

You all continue to work through exceptional circumstances and we wish to thank you for your commitment and resilience at this time in delivering key services to help support our children and young people.



Lunch & Learn



November Menu

Hungry for knowledge? Feed your mind from our fantastic weekly Lunch & Learn menu of events, taking place online every Thursday via Microsoft Teams.

All staff are welcome. Just click here to book on to any of our Lunch & Learn [events](#).

If you wish to get involved, or have an idea for a presenter or topic, please get in touch with the Lunch and Learn team by emailing LunchandLearn@eani.org.uk.

Topics can be on anything: they can be fun, practical and don't necessarily have to be about your job.

Face-to-face Meetings

Staff are reminded that face-to-face meetings should only take place where it is absolutely necessary and virtual meetings remain EA's default position.

Requests for face-to-face meetings in any EA buildings or office spaces including headquarters, satellite offices, youth centres and schools must come through BCP for approval. This will be kept under review in line with evolving NI Executive guidance.

You can access the meeting room request form [here](#).

BCP002 - HQ Meeting Room/ Interview Room Request

Approved Centres for meetings currently include:
- Interview approved by Recruitment
- All approved meetings for business critical activity

Please note that due to COVID-19 there is a very limited number of meeting rooms available at each site and space for your request may not be available.

* Name
Contact Information

1. Name *

Enter your answer

2. Email address *

Enter your answer

3. Are you Non-Teaching, Teaching Staff, or External Visitor *

Non-Teaching Staff
 Teaching Staff
 External Visitor

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New Guidance for Home to School Transport

Last week, the Department of Education issued new guidance for pupils and students travelling to school or college on EA, Translink and privately contracted services.

The new guidance makes it mandatory for all post primary age pupils or students to wear a face covering on dedicated home to school transport and public transport.

For younger pupils the guidance remains to wear a face covering where they can.

Since school resumed in September, EA has promoted key NI Executive messages such as the use of other forms of transport to school where possible, the importance of good hand hygiene and encouraged wearing a face covering on all forms of school transport.

Help us to spread the message about the importance of wearing face coverings on all school transport. You can read more [here](#).

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT FACE MASKS NEW GUIDANCE



It is now mandatory for all post primary pupils to wear a face mask on all forms of school transport. The new guidance applies to:

- All EA dedicated home to school transport
- All Translink dedicated home to school transport
- All normal scheduled Translink bus and train services

Medical and SEN exemptions apply.

StopCOVID NI app is now available to 11-17 year olds



As pupils return to school after the extended break, the Health Minister Robin Swann has urged young people to play their part in the fight against Covid-19 by downloading the StopCOVID NI app.

At the start of October, the StopCOVID NI app achieved a world first when a new version was launched, making it available to the 11-17 year old age group. With more young people testing positive for Covid-19, the app is a vital tool to help curb the spread of the virus.

The StopCOVID NI app is available to download from both Apple and Google app stores: [Apple](#), [Google](#). Read more [here](#).



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