

EDUCATION RESTART



Preparation for the Reopening of Schools - Return of Support Staff

With the exception of those schools that are facilitating summer provision, schools will have now finished for the summer holidays.

Schools may wish to use the summer period as an opportunity to make preparations for the start of the new school term on 24 August 2020. In such situations, staff who are contracted to work during the summer months are expected to be available to support this work, where required. This is provided they have not already scheduled to take leave.

Where it is possible for this preparatory work to be carried out from home, staff should be facilitated to do this. However, where this is not possible and staff attendance at school is necessary, and providing Public Health Agency and Government guidance can be adhered to, staff should attend their place of work to assist with the necessary preparations for the return of school.

In preparation for the return of staff, each school setting should undertake its own specific risk assessment, considering local circumstances, domestic arrangements, school capacity and public health and hygiene requirements. This will help ensure that health and safety legislation and guidance is fully adhered to. For further details on the completion of individual risk assessments see [Guidance on Supporting Staff to Return to Schools](#).

Further details regarding the attendance of staff in the work place, including key groups of staff, can be found in the [Guidance on Supporting Staff to Return to Schools](#).