

## DfE advice 22 February 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Operational guidance from 8 March

This is a lengthy document, of which these are some key points (our emboldened text).

Schools are expected still to ...  
meet the following key curriculum expectation:

- **Teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects.**

For pupils in **Key Stages 1 and 2**, you are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary. You should ensure your curriculum offer remains broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, music and the arts, physical education and sport, religious education and, at Key Stage 2, **languages**.

For pupils in **Key Stage 3** you are expected to consider whether any modification to your curriculum offer is needed to address the most significant gaps in English and mathematics. You should ensure the curriculum remains broad from year 7 to year 9 so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, **languages**, humanities, music and the arts, physical education and sport, religious education, and citizenship.

Government has published advice on **safer singing**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing>

Routine, graded Ofsted inspections remain suspended for the spring term.

### Exams

**GCSEs, A and AS level exams will not go ahead this summer** as planned. Students taking GCSE, AS and A levels, will receive grades based on teacher assessment, with teachers supported to reach their judgements by guidance and training from the exam boards. Further detail will be published shortly, now that the consultation on this has closed.

Performance tables were not published for the 2019 to 2020 academic year. We will not judge schools on data based on exams and assessments from 2020.

We will **not** publish data based on exam and assessment results from summer 2021 on school and college performance tables.