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At EA we know that it is a challenging time and we aim to bring you the most up to date information we can. This is the information we have as of 26 March 2020.

School closures

After the decision by the Education Minister Peter Weir to close schools for normal business the position was updated and limited education supervision was provided only for children whose parents are key workers and were not in a position to make alternative childcare arrangements.

He also said: “Schools will remain open for staff to allow them to organise remote learning for their pupils and to make provision for supervised learning for vulnerable children and for key workers’ children up to the end of Year 10. I would again stress that parents and carers should only send their child to school if they are a key worker in terms of the overall response to the Covid-19 emergency and have no other viable option for their child’s supervision. It seems from today’s preliminary figures that parents and carers are doing just that, and I thank them for it.”

For information on who is a key worker you can find this at the Dept of Education website.

Summer Examinations 2020

CCEA statement on the cancellation of the summer examinations 2020

CCEA welcomed the clarity from the Minister of Education regarding school closures and cancellation of the summer examinations timetable. GCSEs and A levels are not taking place in May/June.

They want to reassure learners, parents, teachers and school leaders that CCEA will continue to work urgently with the Department of Education and other stakeholders, to finalise a solution for examinations.

They will prioritise final solutions for A-level examinations, then GCSE terminal examinations, the AS qualifications and finally modular GCSE.

As further information becomes available we will update schools and colleges with the guidance via their website. <https://ccea.org.uk/>

Home Schooling

Individual schools have been tasked with providing distance/remote learning for children – this can be in the form of physical packs, e-learning forums, etc. Many schools are being very creative to meet the needs of children and young people in their care such as online classrooms. This will vary from school to school.

If you need an interpreter to discuss remote learning with your child's school then please get in touch with the EA Equality Unit on equality.unit@eani.org.uk

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We understand this is a very stressful time and we want to ensure you that we aim to assist you the best we can, information changes rapidly but we hope to be able to update you as often as we are able to. If you need further information or support please email equality.unit@eani.org.uk