

Friday 4th September 2020

This week, schools in Northern Ireland have welcomed back children and young people to classrooms across the region.

It has been a busy few weeks for all staff working to support Education Restart and helping to establish a new normal for schools and other educational settings.

The beginning of this academic year is unlike any other, with changes in both schools and workplaces and our shared focus remains on facilitating Education Restart 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 and advice for schools on Education Restart, which is available on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

Additionally, guidance and support for EA staff is available [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.