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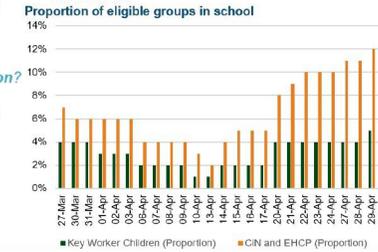
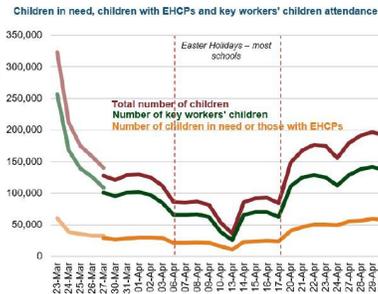
Take-up

Only 12% of children in need and those with EHCPs attended school on Thursday – this is the same Wednesday.

Only 4% of key worker children attended school on Thursday a slight decrease from Wednesday

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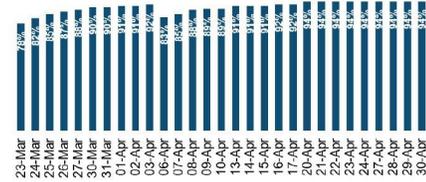
- Will the attendance of children in need and those with EHCPs increase again next week?
- Are all key workers who need childcare able to access provision?
- Do local authorities have the necessary resources to cope with increased costs and demand?
- Are there other approaches we need to take to increase attendance further?



FSM

94% of open schools had some FSM provision in place on Thursday, the same as last week.

Establishments offering Free School Meal (FSM) provision



83% of open schools are offering vouchers to FSM children; the most common type of FSM provision.

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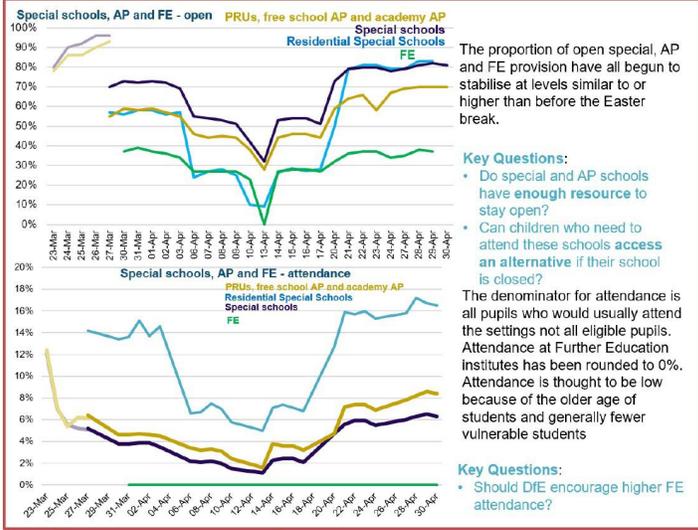
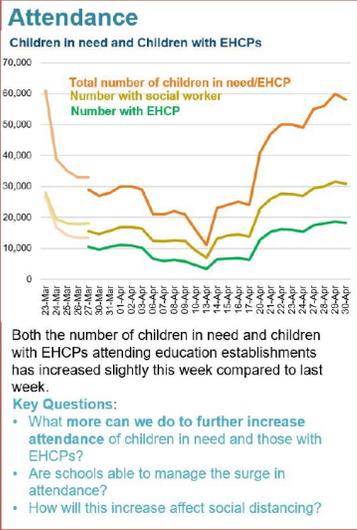
- Will the increase in the use of vouchers continue as the system embeds itself?
- Are providers being given enough financial support to provide FSM through the holidays?
- What provision are FSM pupils whose schools are closed receiving?

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Children in need, children with EHCPs, special schools, AP & FE



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SECTOR UPDATE: Vulnerable Children

Cross-cutting	Strand A – Attendance	Strand B – Safeguarding	Strand C – Recovery	Strand D – Data & Intel																																																
<p>VCYP »govt Delivery Plan: Working to respond to latest CO comments and positive conversation today. Next SRO commentary due Monday. CCL letter today outlining intention to use GPM/IC each week to review progress on vulnerabilities and plan to develop 'vulnerabilities and volunteering dashboard' – Simon Case leading.</p> <p>PPE: D/E PPE guidance due early next week (although being reviewed following MRC on 01/05) alongside comms to sector on working with non-symptomatic children.</p> <p>Testing: Backlogs in manual registrations following testing expansion to all essential workers. DHSC potential pilot in Isle of White using face and track app, no details yet</p> <p>Legislation: Legislation to relax requirements relating to EHCPs for CYP with SEND now in force. Guidance published. Training for LAs delivered. Joint letter to children/parents/sector published on 30/4.</p> <p>VCYP National Board: Met today. Productive discussion on regulation relating to NPCC latest trends and categories of vulnerability. Focus of next meeting on recovery, sharing good practice and strategies for subgroups of VCYP. Full readout to follow.</p> <p>Business of State: Much interest/concern re CSC regs – a PNQ was allowed in the Lords yesterday, 5 PQs today; also interest/concern re VCYP's low levels of attendance at school and safeguarding – 6 PQs yesterday and a question in Education OPQs next Tuesday.</p> <p>Key risks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerable children are not attending provision (c.6% of vulnerable children attending school prior to Easter) Children are vulnerable to increased intra-familial harm e.g. abuse and neglect, domestic violence, family mental health issues, risks to CYP with SEND Children are vulnerable to increased extra-familial harm e.g. online harms, gangs, mental health, criminalisation Increased risk of disrupted/ unsuccessful progression (educational, social, emotional) inc. those in AP, care leavers, young carers The system is unable to deliver the services needed to safeguard & support VCYP meaning there is an increased risk of harm Health, social care, education, and family support services are either unavailable or significantly reduced (due to sickness absence or redeployment) increasing risk of harm (physical and developmental) to children and/or their families 	<p>VC attendance slightly dipped over the past two days (30/04) and (01/05) to 58k and 57k compared to 60k on 29/04. Still around 11% of VC overall.</p>	<p>CSC Guidance: urgent work being done to complete and clear CSC guidance including to underpin application of secondary legislative changes to CSC regulations.</p> <p>Funding LG: Working with MHCLG to finalise an MOU to receive LA level monitoring data in respect of the now total of £3.2bn additional funding provided to LAs. Prog spend: continuing re-prioritisation process with CSF. DG's return provided to go to LT 05/05.</p> <p>Comms: X-govt/HO letter to safeguarding partners/letter with minister (01/05 tbc). NSPCC PN to be launched this weekend – £6m vulnerable children – announcement tomorrow.</p> <p>Charity bids: confirmation from DCMS of a total £26.65m (including departmental match of 20% for all bids). Embargoed for announcement tomorrow. Includes: 8.65m for safeguarding vulnerable children inc care leavers and early years. £10m for FFT, £7m for front line charities including NSPCC Childline. And £0.3m for kinship / Foster/ Adoption provision. Amounts won't be confirmed with charities until into next week, due to need for min levels of commercial / due diligence work.</p> <p>Birth registrations: working with HO to resolve suspension of birth registrations. On agenda at VE-VA bil at 1/5).</p> <p>Devices and connectivity: over 53% of responsible bodies registered (29/04) - schools/bodies registering at a higher rate than social care. Working to resolve issues with connectivity security.</p>	<p>Re-opening: Discussing with SoS options for schools reopening, to meet the Cabinet Office midday deadline, ahead of a further PM/SoS meeting. We anticipate significant challenges for supporting SEND children returning. We are working on the basis of an announcement this week.</p>	<p>Dashboard - LA survey milestones: 04/05 – final comms out to LAs/ADCS. 05/05 – Survey to go out to LAs. 07/05 – Data starts coming back into DfE for processing/clean-up. Estimate 11/5 – for first analysis and emerging themes.</p>																																																
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