

# Supporting disadvantaged students through the coronavirus outbreak

The government is currently offering support for students from disadvantaged groups during the coronavirus outbreak.

To help you navigate what support is available, we've rounded up all the latest funding, resources and advice below, and we've highlighted a range of our free online resources made for teachers, career advisors and students.

## Free digital devices and internet

**What:** free digital devices and internet for those who don't have access.

**Who's it for?** Disadvantaged families, children and young people who don't have laptops or tablets. Eligible people are:

- Care leavers
- Children and young people aged 0-19 with a social worker (devices only) or young people aged 11-19 with a social worker (devices + internet)
- Disadvantaged year 10 students

**Where:** [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**How to apply:** Local authorities are working with schools to get devices and internet access to those who need them. Contact your local authority or trust to apply.

**Note:** Devices will be delivered directly to the local authority or school, and then sent to or collected by the family or student.

## Bursaries

**What:** The 16-19 Bursary Fund is for education equipment during the coronavirus outbreak.

**Who's it for?**

- People aged 16-19 without a suitable device for education
- Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

**Where:** [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**How to apply:** Visit their website.

## Free education platforms

**What:** G Suite for Education or Office 365 Education.

**Who's it for?** Schools.

**Where:** [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**How to apply:** Schools can apply for government-funded support through The Key for School Leaders to get set up. The Key also provides case studies on how schools are making the most of these platforms.

## Education resources

**What:** Oak National Academy

**Who's it for?** Everyone! This is an online classroom and resource hub that offers free lessons in core subjects.

**Where:** [www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

## SEND students

Applying for DSA is part of your student's application for [Student Finance](#). Make sure they tick the eligibility box and it will remind them to apply for DSA online. For help with buying equipment, see Bursaries (p1).

## Technical support for schools

You can get free access to the [EdTech](#) Demonstrator Programme, which helps support schools and teachers to provide education remotely. Visit [EdTech](#) for more info.

## Mental health and wellbeing

Make sure your pupils are getting the emotional support they need, as well as educational. Here are a few useful organisations that can help during this challenging time:

- [Young Minds](#)
- [Mind UK](#)
- [STEM](#)

## Safeguarding during Covid-19

Read the [latest government advice](#) on safeguarding procedures for teachers, or visit:

- [Key for School Leaders](#)
- [NSPPC Learning](#)

## How Middlesex University can help you

From finance advice to personal statement guides, we've got a fantastic range of free resources to help you support your students on [our website](#).

You can also join our 30-minute [live interactive streams](#), every Tuesday at 1pm. These free sessions are for teachers and career advisors and cover a range of useful topics:

- **19 May:** Supporting students in an uncertain environment
- **2 June:** Preparing your students for applying to university
- **9 June:** Writing UCAS references
- **16 June:** Discover Me - an interactive tool for students
- **23 June:** Degree Apprenticeships