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| **TITLE** | **Publication of ‘The decision framework for the next phase of education and childcare: considerations, planning and challenges’** |
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Today I am publishing *The Decision framework for the next phase of education and childcare*. This builds on the five principles I published last month:

* The safety and mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff
* Continuing contribution to the national effort and strategy to fight the spread of Covid-19
* Having the confidence of parents, staff and students - based on evidence and information - so that they can plan ahead
* Ability to prioritise learners at key points, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds
* Having guidance in place to support measures such as distancing, managing attendance and wider protective actions.

The document sets out our current thinking for how we change the operations of schools and other providers over time in response to COVID-19.

We are working with scientists, public health experts, teachers, education providers, trade unions and local authorities to consider the options for the next phase for schools and settings with similar challenges, such as childcare providers and further education colleges.

I am circulating a copy of the document with this statement for members.