

# PHE South East Health Protection Team: Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

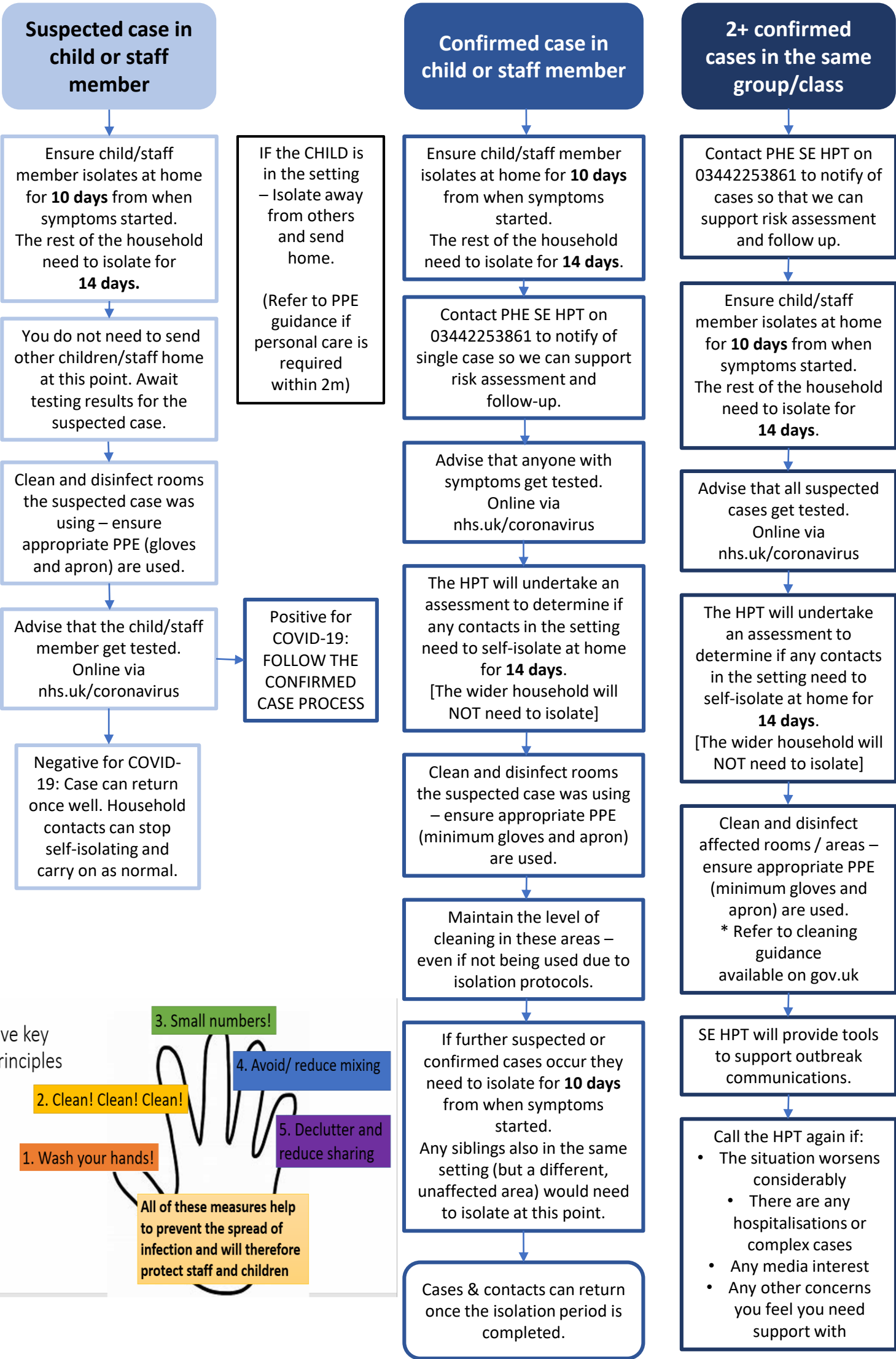
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Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. This will help prevent COVID-19 spreading in schools, as well as other infectious diseases.

If you have any infection control concerns or questions please call the Thames Valley Health Protection Team on 03442253861 (08449670083 out of hours). If the matter is not urgent you can also email [TVPHE@phe.gov.uk](mailto:TVPHE@phe.gov.uk)

GUIDANCE: Visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus) for detailed schools guidance and other guidance

TESTING: Visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)



## COVID-19 Case Definition: (as of 18/05/20)

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

## Cleaning

Refer to [gov.uk](https://gov.uk) (*Cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home*) for detailed guidance. Routine enhanced cleaning should already be in place.

The minimum PPE for cleaning an area after suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 has left the setting possible is disposable gloves and an apron. (N.b. if risk assessment indicates a higher level of virus may be present, e.g. where someone unwell has spent the night such as a boarding school dormitory, then additional PPE may be necessary – speak to your HPT for advice).

Public areas (e.g. corridors) - clean as normal. All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

Use disposable cloths/paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces. Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or a two-stage cleaning process of detergent (household type cleaner) followed by a hypochlorite solution (1000ppm) e.g. diluted Milton (check chemicals in use are effective against enveloped viruses).

## Waste

Any COVID-19 related waste should be double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.

## School Closure

If you think you may need to close the school contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 first to discuss the public health perspective.

