### PHE South East Health Protection Team:

# Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

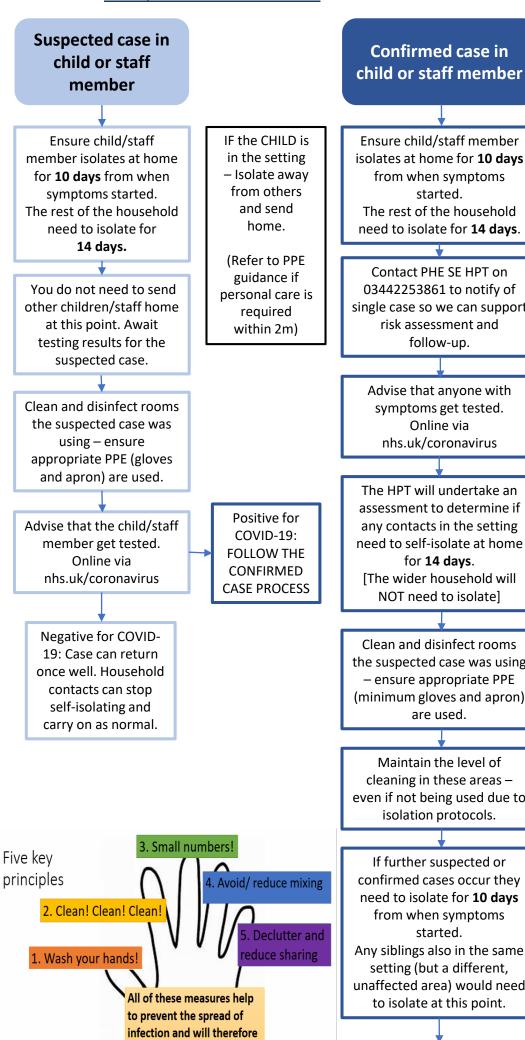
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Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. This will help prevent COVID-19 spreading in schools, as well as other infectious diseases.

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

GUIDANCE: Visit gov.uk/coronavirus for detailed schools guidance and other guidance

TESTING: Visit nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test



protect staff and children

# group/class

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 to notify of single case so we can support

Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested.

assessment to determine if any contacts in the setting need to self-isolate at home

the suspected case was using ensure appropriate PPE (minimum gloves and apron)

cleaning in these areas even if not being used due to

confirmed cases occur they need to isolate for 10 days from when symptoms

Any siblings also in the same setting (but a different, unaffected area) would need

Cases & contacts can return once the isolation period is completed.

# 2+ confirmed cases in the same

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 to notify of cases so that we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 10 days from when symptoms started. The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Advise that all suspected cases get tested. Online via nhs.uk/coronavirus

The HPT will undertake an assessment to determine if any contacts in the setting need to self-isolate at home for 14 days.

[The wider household will NOT need to isolate]

Clean and disinfect affected rooms / areas ensure appropriate PPE (minimum gloves and apron) are used.

\* Refer to cleaning guidance available on gov.uk

SE HPT will provide tools to support outbreak communications.

Call the HPT again if:

- The situation worsens considerably
  - There are any hospitalisations or complex cases
- Any media interest
- Any other concerns you feel you need support with

## **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 (Cleaning in nonhealthcare 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.