



Addendum to First Aid Policy – Covid-19

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COVID -19 – Amendments to the First Aid Policy. All students and staff will follow the new guidance:

The aim of this addendum is to provide a safe environment for staff and students and provide a process to deal with any ill-health related to Corona Virus symptoms.

It is vital for the protection of others that any students or staff who are unwell with coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who has symptoms, does not attend school and follows the NHS guidance below:

Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following:

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

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

To minimise the risk of infection the school promotes:

- cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)

What happens if someone becomes unwell at school?

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.
- If a child is unable to leave immediately and is awaiting collection, they should be moved to the main reception where they can be isolated in the Hygiene Room (opposite reception), with appropriate adult supervision with full PPE. The door will be left opened unless the student needs to use the toilet in there.
- The room will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- Signage will be added to prevent use of the room until it has been cleaned.
- Appropriate full PPE will be worn by first-aid staff caring for the child while they await collection.
- Medical room to be used as an additional first aid room to be used for non-Covid related illness/injury

Government Guidance on the use of PPE:

If a student becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) while in school and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-

resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

- When a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. A test should be sought immediately.
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their school should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Legislation and Statutory Requirements

This addendum is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>