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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 South West Health Protection Team on 0300 303 8162. If the matter is not urgent you can also email swhpt@phe.gov.uk.

If the

CONFIRMED

case has not

been in the

setting

during the

infectious

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hours

before

symptoms

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after) then

no further

action

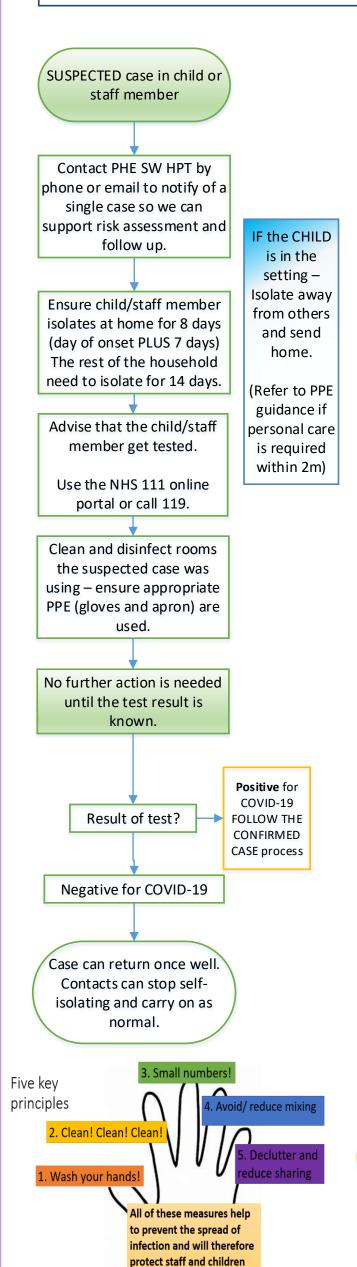
needs to be

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

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



CONFIRMED case in child or staff member

Contact PHE SW HPT on 0300 303 8162 to notify of single confirmed case so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days) The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

The rest of the class or group within the setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The household of that wider group do not need to isolate unless the contact subsequently develops symptoms.

Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested

Use the NHS 111 online portal or call 119.

Clean and disinfect rooms the suspected case was using – ensure appropriate PPE (minimum gloves and apron) are used.

Maintain the level of cleaning in these areas – even if not being used due to isolation protocols

Cases & contacts can return once the isolation period is completed

2 or more CONFIRMED cases in the same group or class

Contact PHE SW HPT on 0300 303 8162 to notify of cases so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Ensure children/staff isolate at home for 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days) The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

The rest of the class or group within the setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The household of that wider group do not need to isolate unless the contact subsequently develops symptoms.

Advise that all suspected cases get tested

Use the NHS 111 online portal or call 119.

Clean and disinfect affected rooms / areas – ensure appropriate PPE (minimum gloves and apron) are used. * Refer to cleaning guidance available on gov.uk

SW HPT will provide tools to support outbreak communications and infection control advice

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

INFECTIOUS PERIOD: 48 hours before the onset of symptoms to 7 days after onset.

IF case has no symptoms but a positive test, it is 48 hours prior to test

Cleaning:

For detailed guidance refer to the guidance on gov.uk:

Routine measures during COVID-19 pandemic should already be to outbreak standard.

PPE should be worn for cleaning – minimum gloves and disposable apron.
Consider using face mask and eye protection if risk is high – ie. Cleaning areas where there are visible bodily fluids.

Public areas (e.g. corridors – clean as normal)

Surfaces that could be contaminated need cleaning and disinfection.

All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

Use disposable cloths or paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces (e.g. floors, sanitary fittings, chairs, tables)

Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or use 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]

Avoid splashes and spray when cleaning where possible.

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