

## **Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Guidance for Aerosol Generating Procedures within education and children's social care settings**

On Tuesday 29 March 2022, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April 2022.

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings.

Most of the DfE COVID-19 specific guidance for education and childcare settings has now been withdrawn from GOV.UK. To this end, it has been agreed that the current local area guidance for safe management of Aerosol generating procedures (AGP) will be **withdrawn** to align with national guidance [Chapter 2: infection prevention and control - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Aerosol generating procedures (AGP)**

It is vital that all children, young people and students, including those with complex or additional health needs, are supported to continue their education and care in their education or children's social care setting, where it is safe to do so.

An AGP is a medical procedure that can result in the release of airborne particles (aerosols) from the respiratory tract.

The full list is available [on GOV.UK](#).

Standard PPE recommendations for AGPs would include eye and face protection, apron and gloves to protect against the splashing or spraying of blood and bodily fluids.

If someone is performing an AGP on an individual who is **suspected of being infectious with a respiratory agent** (for example RSV or COVID-19) additional airborne [personal protective equipment \(PPE\) should be used](#), including an FFP3 respirator or equivalent.