



Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions - Coronavirus Addendum

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1 Scope

This addendum applies until further notice.

Unless covered in this addendum, our normal medical conditions policy continues to apply.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and pupils.

- 1.1** Parents should contact the school SENDCo Miss Caroline Budd, via the school office if they think their child might have additional medical / physical needs that may require further adjustments due to the new protocols. Reasonable adjustments will be discussed with medical professionals and parents and agreed prior to returning to school for those pupils.

Adaptions to support those children with physical needs will be put into place during all evacuation procedures, in line with the individual management plan.

2 What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection guidance](#).

We will adhere to the advice and guidance given by the DfE and Public Health England

Staff will follow protocol:

- If a child or adult shows symptoms, you must remove and isolate immediately in the allocated area. Inform the HT/DHT.
- There will be Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for those members of staff who have to work more closely with children and for dealing with any pupil who has symptoms of COVID-19. This will consist of gloves, mask and apron and be stored in the isolation area.
- If the decision is made by the HT/DHT that the child is displaying symptoms then the child will need to be collected as soon as possible and get a PCR test, the child will need to self-isolate until a test result is received.

- If they need to go to the toilet while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate cubicle if possible. This toilet cubicle will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection.

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see ‘What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?’ below). They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. See the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#).

3 What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and be asked to arrange a PCR test. They can do this by visiting [NHS.UK](#) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone.

All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID- 19), and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

3.1 Where the test is negative

Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school if they are well.

3.2 Where the test is positive

The child or staff member tests positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or test date.

Any identified close contact is advised to arrange a PCR test.

4 Protocols for nappy changing

We will adhere to the Gov guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-3-prevention-and-control>

- PPE will be provided, staff must wear a mask, apron and disposable gloves.
- Children in nappies must have a designated changing area, away from play facilities and from any area where food or drink is prepared or consumed. Hand washing facilities must be available in the room so that staff can wash and dry their hands after every nappy change, before handling another child or leaving the nappy changing room. Soiled nappies should be wrapped in a plastic bag before disposal in the general school waste.
- Clean children’s skin with a disposable wipe. Flannels should not be used to clean bottoms. Label nappy creams and lotions with the child’s name and do not share with others.

- Wipe changing mats with hot soapy water or an antibacterial wipe after each use. Mats should be cleaned thoroughly with hot soapy water if visibly soiled and at the end of each day. Check weekly for tears and discard if the cover is damaged.

5 Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy