### 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 Kent Health Protection Team on 03442 253861 (Option 0, then Option 1). Out of Hours: 0844 967 0085. If the matter is not urgent you can also email KPU-Kent@phe.gov.uk

GUIDANCE: Visit https://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/news/primary/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus for detailed schools' guidance and other guidance

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

IF the CHILD

is in the setting

- Isolate away

from others

and send

home.

(Refer to PPE

guidance if

personal care

is required

within 2m)

# child or staff member Ensure child/staff

Suspected case in

member isolates at home for 10 days (day of onset PLUS 9 days). The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442 253861 to notify of cases so that we can support risk assessment and follow up.

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

Advise the child/staff member get tested.

Children

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119 Staff www.gov.uk/applycoronavirus-test to be prioritised as essential workers

Result of test?

Negative for COVID-19: Case can return once well. Contacts can stop self-isolating and carry on as normal.

Five key

Positive for COVID-19: **FOLLOW THE CONFIRMED CASE PROCESS** 

3. Small numbers!

principles 4. Avoid/ reduce mixing 2. Clean! Clean! Clean! . Declutter and educe sharing 1. Wash your hands! All of these measures help to prevent the spread of

infection and will therefore

protect staff and children

Confirmed case in child or staff member

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 10 days (day of onset PLUS 9 days). The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442 253861 to notify of single case so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested Online via www.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 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.

If further suspected or confirmed cases occur within this group, they need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Any siblings also in the same setting (but a different, unaffected area) would need to isolate at this point.

Cases & contacts can return once the isolation period is completed

2 or more confirmed cases in the same group/class

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442 253861 to notify of cases so that we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Ensure children/staff isolate at home for 10 days (day of onset PLUS 9 days).

The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Advise that all suspected cases get tested Online www.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 www.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:

For detailed guidance refer to the guidance on https://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-

and-

events/news/primary/coronavir us/guidance-for-full-opening-inseptember and www.gov.uk.

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

PPE should be worn for cleaning – minimum gloves and disposal apron.

Consider using face mask and eye protection if risk is high i.e. 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 doublebagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.