### PHE South East Health Protection Team:

## Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

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Suspected case in

child or staff member

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 Surrey & Sussex Health Protection Team on 03442253861. If the matter is not urgent you can also email <a href="mailto:SSHPU@phe.gov.uk">SSHPU@phe.gov.uk</a>.

GUIDANCE: Visit SCC Covid-19 School Leaders webpage and gov.uk/coronavirus for detailed schools guidance and other guidance

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

#### Ensure child/staff IF the CHILD is member isolates at home in the setting for 8 days (day of onset Isolate away PLUS 7 days) The rest of from others and send the household need to home. isolate for 14 days (Refer to PPE guidance if Contact PHE SE HPT on personal care is 03442253861 to notify of required within single case so we can 2m) support risk assessment and follow up. Clean and disinfect rooms the suspected case was using - ensure appropriate PPE (gloves and apron) are used. Advise that the child/staff member get tested. Children nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119 Staff Surrey Testing Hub or www.gov.uk/applycoronavirus-test to be prioritised as essential workers Result of test? Negative for Positive for COVID-19: Case COVID-19: can return once **FOLLOW THE** well. Contacts can **CONFIRMED CASE** stop self- isolating **PROCESS** and carry on as normal. 3. Small numbers! Five key 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 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days) The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 to notify of single case so we can support risk assessment and follow Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested Online via 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

If further suspected or confirmed cases occur within this group they need to isolate for 8 days from the onset of symptoms.

isolation protocols.

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 03442253861 to notify of cases so that 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.

Advise that all suspected cases get tested.
Online via
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 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 <u>SCC</u>
<u>Covid-19 School Leaders</u>
webpage and 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.