Guidance for management of Covid-19 in Early Years, Schools and Colleges

This flow chart reflects the latest Covid-19 schools guidance which can be accessed here

SUSPECTED case in child/young person or staff member¹

If the child/young person/staff is in the setting, isolate away from others and send home (see PPE guidance² if personal care is required within 2m).

Clean and disinfect rooms the suspected case was using³ – ensure appropriate PPE (gloves and an apron) are used.

Advise the parent/carer or staff member to book a test as soon as possible online via the website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person/staff member isolates at home for **10 days**. The rest of the household also needs to isolate for **10 days**⁴.

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO REPORT THIS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, BUT YOU SHOULD KEEP A RECORD.

Setting is notified of the **test result** by parent/carer or staff member.

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

Child/young person/staff member can return to setting once well. Household contacts can stop isolating.

For general questions or concerns, please contact the School Nursing Team on 01908 725100 or email cnw-tr.0-19adminhub.mk@nhs.net

CONFIRMED case(s) in child/young person or staff member

Ensure child/young person/staff member isolates at home for 10 days (from date of onset of symptoms).⁴.

As a priority notify the Local Authority first of a confirmed case by completing the relevant online form as soon as possible to report your confirmed case. A member of the local PH team will make contact with you, once they have the online form, to support you if you have indicated it is required.

For advice on a single, confirmed case you may contact the DfE National Helpline on: 0800 046 8687 (only if you can not reach LA Public Health.) For any concerns, issues or support contact your local Public Health Team: Public.Health@bedford.gov.uk

Start to ascertain if any staff or young people have been in close contact with the positive case in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (or from date of test if asymptomatic).

Identified close contacts need to self-isolate for 10 days.

N.B. The close contacts' wider households will NOT need to self-isolate.

If appropriate, your local PH team will provide template letters to send out to:

- Close contacts requiring self-isolation for 10 days
- The wider community, advising on symptoms and how to get tested, if they are symptomatic

Ensure that the rooms the confirmed case was using are cleaned and disinfected as per guidance³— ensure appropriate PPE (gloves and an apron) are used.

If further suspected or confirmed cases occur within the group of identified close contacts, they need to arrange a test and, if positive, isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. The rest of their household will also need to isolate for 10 days. Please submit a new notification form for any new confirmed cases in your setting.

Cases and contacts can return once the isolation period is completed if they are well. If they still have a fever, diarrhoea or are feeling/being sick, they should continue to isolate until 48 hours after symptoms.

- 1: Child/young person or staff member with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- 2: PPE Guidance
- 3: Cleaning in non-health care settings after a suspected or confirmed case
- 4: Stay at home guidance