

Transmission of the virus through delivering first aid

If you are likely to attend as a First Aider please read the following advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders> AND <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>

Staff to use PPE when they administering First Aid.

1. Currently no proof they can protect from Covid-19, but staff may feel protected from 'asymptomatic' people who have the virus, but not yet showing symptoms.
2. Vulnerable staff should not undertake first aid at all.
3. Cleaning equipment to be left in each classroom to enable staff to clean when necessary.
4. Soap dispensers and hand gel containers to be checked and filled daily.
5. PPE is available for all staff, both for administering first aid and for use if a known or symptomatic case is within the school grounds.

If a child, young person or member of staff becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19:

1. Phone Public Health England and explain the circumstances. PHE may suggest full and immediate closure for deep cleaning, or say that you can continue teaching.
2. The person must be supported until they can be collected and taken home. They should not be left unattended.
3. The meeting room is set aside for use as an isolation room – ensure the windows are open.
4. PPE should be worn by the supervising staff member and 2m maintained. The reception toilet will need to be allocated for the sole use of the unwell person and must not be used by anyone else until it has been thoroughly cleaned.
5. The areas that they have come from, e.g. classroom, kitchens, toilets, circulation routes, need to be closed off. If this is not possible, then a thorough cleaning needs to be done on each area before it can be used by learners or staff.
6. Other members of staff should ensure that no other personnel are on the route of the person as they exit the building.

After the sufferer has been collected:

1. If the school is closed, initiate a cleansing, with usual contractor as directed by Public Health England.
2. If the school remains open, the PHE may advise to close off all places where the child / or staff member has been. In practice, this may necessitate closing the school anyway.
3. During cleaning, cleaners must be reminded to pay special attention to where the person has sat or was lain down.
4. PPE must be worn.
5. Soft furnishings and towels need to be carefully taken away and if possible washed on a 60 degree wash, with detergent.
6. Toilets and sinks, must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes taps, handles, toilet seats, dryers and soap dispensers

The school will need to inform parents and colleagues but stress the thoroughness of the cleaning that is taking place