



KRF Covid-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance for Educational Settings (Schools & Nurseries)

This document has been compiled to assist those working in educational settings in locating relevant guidance related to Covid-19.

Guidance to Educational Settings

The latest [guidance](#) and advice to those working in Educational Settings from The Department for Education and Public Health England contains information about the identification of Covid-19 symptoms, and what actions to take when this occurs.

Cleaning

Government advice relating to appropriate cleaning in [non-healthcare settings](#) provides guidance on when and how this should be carried out.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The section of the “Guidance to Educational Settings” describing when the wearing of PPE would be appropriate in mainstream education settings currently (correct at 19th May 2020) reads:

“PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child [who has developed Covid-19 symptoms whilst at an educational setting] while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).”

[Specific advice on PPE](#) for use in various settings has been published on Gov.uk. Please refer to section 10 for recommended PPE types and rationale for use.

When sourcing the required PPE, you should ensure that it meets the following standards:

Disposable gloves – BS EN 374 or EN 455 (with AQL 1.5)

Apron/Apron with sleeves – no standard

Eye protection – EN 166

Fluid resistant (Type IIR) surgical facemasks (FRSM) – BS EN 14683 or ISO 22609

The image below offers a visual guide to PPE, and the PPE described in the image will be appropriate both for the care of a child who has developed symptoms (as described above) and for cleaning.

Mainstream educational settings should not be considered high risk areas, nor will aerosol generating procedures be carried out. Some specialist educational settings may need to consider whether additional PPE requirements exist based on procedures being carried out by staff.

This image should be viewed in conjunction with the most up to date Government guidance to identify appropriate PPE.

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COVID-19 Safe ways of working

A visual guide to safe PPE

The infographic is divided into two main sections: 'General contact with confirmed or possible COVID-19 cases' (left, orange background) and 'Aerosol Generating Procedures or High Risk Areas' (right, green background). Each section features a stylized human figure with callouts to specific PPE items. A central white box contains general hygiene and safety instructions. At the bottom, there is a URL for more information and a copyright notice.

General contact with confirmed or possible COVID-19 cases	Aerosol Generating Procedures or High Risk Areas
Eye protection to be worn on risk assessment	Eye protection eye shield, goggles or visor
Fluid resistant surgical mask	Filtering facepiece respirator
Disposable apron	Long sleeved fluid repellent gown
Gloves	Gloves

General instructions:

- Clean your hands before and after patient contact and after removing some or all of your PPE
- Clean all the equipment that you are using according to local policies
- Use the appropriate PPE for the situation you are working in (General / AGPs or High Risk Areas)
- Take off your PPE safely
- Take breaks and hydrate yourself regularly

For more information on infection prevention and control of COVID-19 please visit:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control

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Recommended Stocks

An adequate, but proportionate supply of PPE (appropriate to the size of the educational setting) for the potential scenarios above should be maintained – however we would advise this be stored in a central location for use as required, rather than being issued to staff upon receipt. This will ensure that crucial supplies of PPE, which can often be difficult to source, is sustained and readily available for those in need of protection against suspected COVID cases.