

PPE Recommended use: Special schools

| HANDWASHING IS THE PRIMARY PREVENTATIVE & PROTECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST ALL INFECTIONS | | | |
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| | Examples | Children in the NHS shielding (extremely vulnerable group) | All other children in special schools |
| General advice | | <p>Where possible, all children in this group should stay at home and not attend school. Children with symptoms, or where any household member has symptoms, should follow the national guidance and stay at home.</p> <p>If a child needs to be in school then they should be separated from others.</p> <p>Cohort staff as much as possible so the same staff member works with the same child / children</p> <p>Practice good hygiene - frequent hand washing, catch it bin it kill it</p> | <p>Where possible, all children should stay at home and not attend school.</p> <p>Children with symptoms, or where any household member has symptoms, should follow the national guidance and stay at home.</p> <p>If a child needs to be in school then follow social distancing (>2m) wherever possible. PPE is not needed in this situation</p> <p>Cohort staff as much as possible so the same staff member works with the same child / children</p> <p>Practice good hygiene - frequent hand washing, catch it bin it kill it</p> |
| Any activity where you can socially distance (>2m) | Teaching sessions, preparing meals | No PPE required | No PPE required |
| Personal care (within 2m) but no direct contact | Teaching sessions where you are unable to socially distance | Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid resistant face mask | Surgical mask. Use a fluid resistant surgical mask if there is a high risk of respiratory droplets eg frequent spitting, coughing. Consider eye protection. |

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| Close and direct contact (within 2m) | Feeding, giving medication, toileting, washing, mild restraint | Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron and fluid resistant face mask. Consider the need for goggles if there are likely to be droplets eg child spits or coughs or has a speech impediment. | Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron and fluid resistant face mask. Consider the need for goggles if there are likely to be droplets eg child spits or coughs or has a speech impediment. |
| Aerosol generating procedures | eg caring for children with tracheostomies | See NHS guidance on PPE | See NHS guidance on PPE |