

SE Flowchart for Educational Settings

PHE SE COVID-19 Flowchart for Educational settings

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in an educational setting?

Did the positive child /student/staff member attend educational setting during the infectious period: 2 days before symptom onset (or test date if asymptomatic) to 10 days after?

NO – no further action required by setting beyond supporting children as necessary during self-isolation

YES – see below

Local PHE Health Protection Team

Sussex PHE HPT: 0344 225 3861

Out of hours: 0844 967 0069

ICC.SurreySussex@phe.gov.uk

COVID-19 DfE Helpline : 0800 046 8687

ESWelfareGroup@westsussex.gov.uk

- Case should already be isolating at home. They should remain in isolation until 10 days have passed from symptom onset.
- Review setting specific guidance and Contact DfE helpline 0800 046 8687 if further advice is required.

If any of the following criteria are met

- For special schools, residential/boarding school/holiday camp settings and settings that operate with 20 or fewer children, pupils, students and staff at any one time:
 - o 2 or more children, pupil, students and staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10 day period
- For other settings:
 - o 10% or more of children, pupils, students or staff (approximately) who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10 day period
 - o 5 children, pupil or staff or more who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10 day period
- If your educational setting is experiencing interest from the media.
- There have been any admissions to hospital or deaths in your students or staff members due to COVID-19

Review all the control measures undertaken by educational settings

- Review ventilation measures and where practical consider moving activities outside such as exercise/singing
- Regular cleaning and promoting frequent handwashing
- Promoting twice weekly LFD for staff and Secondary and FE students
- Promote vaccination in eligible students and staff
- Consider
 - Methods to reduce intergroup mixing, limits on large gatherings and promoting social distancing and crowding
 - Reintroduction of face covering – for staff and secondary/FE students
- Ensure staff and students/parents/guardians aware of situation. Send inform and advice letter to the affected group
- Contact DfE helpline if you meet this escalation criteria. If you have a hospitalisation, or the situation is escalating and you need specialist advice contact your local HPT, who will advise on further measures such as the ones list below. You should also inform your Local Authority education team about any outbreaks in your setting as per local arrangements.

Additional temporary measures include: (which may be suggested by LA/PHE-HPT)

- Increased frequency of LFD testing
- onsite ATS reintroduction/ Wider asymptomatic PCR testing

In extreme circumstances after an Outbreak Control Meeting restricting attendance for a defined group for a short period may be advised.