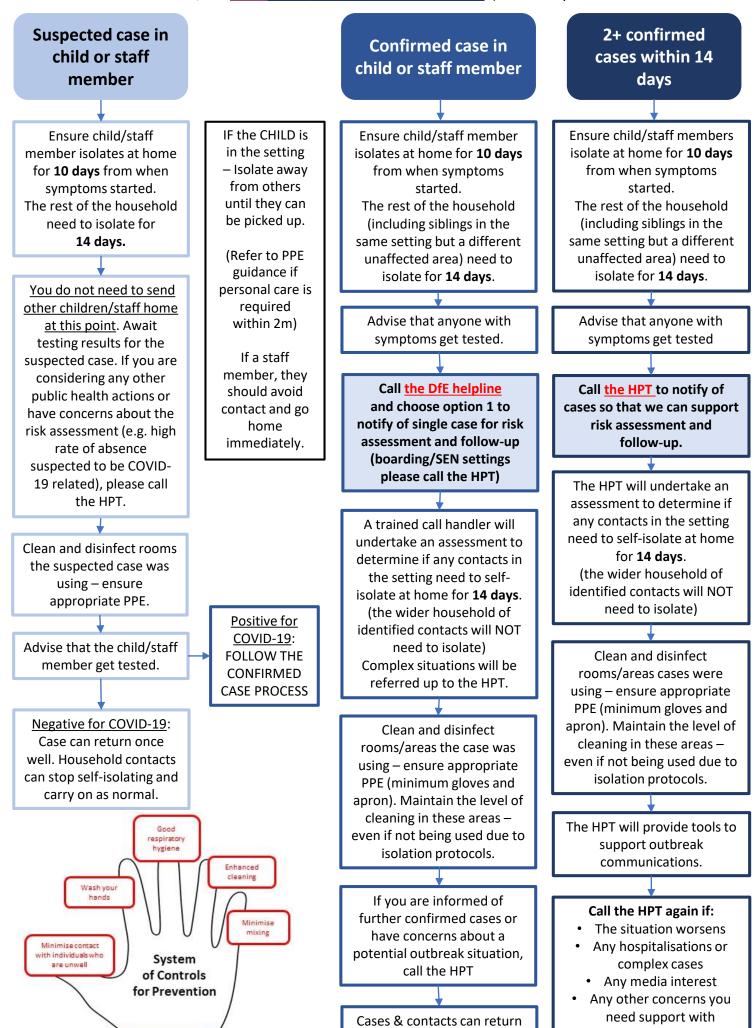
PHE South East Health Protection Team:

Managing Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Childcare and Educational Settings

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- **Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.**
- To notify of 2+ confirmed cases or for advice about a potential outbreak situation, call **Surrey & Sussex Health Protection Team (HPT) on 0344 225 3861** (0844 967 0069 out of hours). If the matter is not urgent you can email SSHPU@phe.gov.uk
- For general queries about COVID-19 in educational settings, or to notify of a single confirmed case, contact **the DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687** (option 1 for confirmed cases). The line is open Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday-Sunday 10am-4pm.
- For detailed COVID-19 guidance for educational settings, see www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare
- To book a coronavirus test, see <u>www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u> (call 119 if you don't have internet access)



once the isolation period is

completed.

Appropriate use of face coverings and PPE where necessary

COVID-19 Case Definition:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Cleaning

Refer to gov.uk (Cleaning in nonhealthcare settings outside the home) for detailed guidance. Routine enhanced cleaning should already be in place.

The minimum PPE for cleaning an area after suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 has left the setting possible is disposable gloves and an apron. (N.b. if risk assessment indicates a higher level of virus may be present, e.g. where someone unwell has spent the night such as a boarding school dormitory, then additional PPE may be necessary – speak to your HPT for advice).

Public areas (e.g. corridors) - clean as normal. All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

Use disposable cloths/paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces. Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or a two-stage cleaning process of detergent (household type cleaner) followed by a hypochlorite solution (1000ppm) e.g. diluted Milton (check chemicals in use are effective against enveloped viruses).

Waste

Any COVID-19 related waste should be double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.

Setting Closure

If you think you may need to close the setting - contact your HPT first to discuss the public health perspective.