

PPE and Face Coverings

Full PPE should only be used by the trained people listed below in each school:

Dunton

Henry Latta

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This information is taken from the Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-2-school-operations>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-setting-s-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe#how-to-work-safely-in-specific-situations-including-where-ppe-may-be-required>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures>

and Central Bedfordshire Council's COVID19 Schools emergency PPE pack information.

Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including:

- where an individual child or young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at schools, and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained
- where a child or young person already has routine intimate care needs that involves the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used

The PPE that should be used in these situations when caring for someone with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) is:

- a face mask should be worn if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained
- if contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn
- eye protection if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of fluids entering the eye, for example, from coughing, spitting or vomiting

How do I put on and take off PPE correctly?

Methods for putting on and taking off disposable gloves, aprons, surgical face masks and eye protection are explained in the guidance: [COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for non-aerosol generating procedures](#). This includes a helpful video that practically demonstrates a care worker doing this.

How should PPE and face coverings be disposed of?

Used PPE and any disposable face coverings that staff, children, young people or other learners arrive wearing should be placed in a refuse bag and can be disposed of as normal domestic waste unless the wearer has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), in line with [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home](#).

Used PPE and face coverings should not be put in a recycling bin or dropped as litter. Education, childcare and children's social care settings should provide extra bins for staff and customers to throw away face coverings and PPE and should ensure that staff and customers do not use a recycling bin. **Use 'tissue' pedal bins.**

Any homemade non-disposable face coverings that staff or children, young people or other learners are wearing when they arrive at their setting must be removed by the wearer and put in a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home. The wearer must then clean their hands.

How do I clean re-usable PPE?

The eye protection goggles provided in the emergency pack are reusable. After use, you should place them in a plastic bag / bin liner until you disinfect them for re-use. [This guidance on disinfecting PPE](#) explains what to do.

In preparation, make sure you have the necessary equipment and arrangements in place.

Make sure you store the cleaned reusable goggles in their original package or alternative clean bag or container.

First Aid

National guidance - Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe#how-to-work-safely-in-specific-situations-including-where-ppe-may-be-required>

notes that PPE is **not** required in the delivery of first aid to asymptomatic children, young people or learners.