

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Educational Settings in Telford & Wrekin

This guidance has been produced to look at the recommended provision of PPE for a range of scenarios within an educational setting and has been approved and plans are in place to assure supplies to schools.

### 1. PPE Guidance for Educational Settings

A summary of the PPE guidance for educational settings is as follows:

Setting	Context	Hand hygiene	Gloves	Plastic Apron	Surgical mask (Type II)	Fluid-resistant (IIR) surgical mask	Eye protection #
<b>Schools and Early Years Provision</b>	General contact	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<b>School and Early Years Settings</b>	Symptomatic child and 2m distance cannot be maintained	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Risk assess
<b>School/ Early Years settings</b>	Direct care* Nappy changing/	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Risk assess	Risk assess
<b>Special Schools</b>	Direct care*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Risk assess	Risk assess
<b>Special Schools</b>	If the instructions for social distancing (2m distance) and hygiene cannot be followed or maintained	Yes	No	No	Risk assess	No	No

\*Direct Care – hands-on care activities that take place within 2 metres such as help with washing, toileting, dressing, oral care and feeding, assistance with medication or walking

# Eye Protection – risk of splashing to the eyes for coughing, spitting or vomiting

Training on the effective and safe use, donning, doffing and disposal of PPE is extremely important and needs to be monitored and evidenced by schools to ensure compliance with guidance and safe use of PPE.

Supporting documents include a list of [frequently asked questions](#) for staff to support risk assessment.

### 2 Process for requesting PPE in Schools

PPE supplies should be procured from your usual sources where possible.

All Telford & Wrekin Council schools, educational settings and early years' settings have been issued with an emergency PPE supply.

It has been agreed that if schools cannot source their PPE requirements from their usual supplier they can request access for a supply of PPE via an [established request process](#).

Granville House (A Telford & Wrekin Council Core Building) is the central store and is the main supply route for PPE currently for Telford & Wrekin Council

The Internal H&S team oversees the PPE guidance and supply of PPE. Schools will need to complete the [PPE request form](#) and send to [coronavirus@telford.gov.uk](mailto:coronavirus@telford.gov.uk).

### **Face coverings**

[See further details in the Face coverings and face masks in education settings.](#)

Anyone can choose to [wear face coverings](#) whilst at work and staff wishing to wear face coverings in corridors, staff rooms and other areas where social distancing is difficult should be supported to do so

### **Access to face coverings**

It is reasonable to assume that staff will now have access to face coverings due to their increasing use in wider society, and Public Health England has made available resources on how to [make a simple face covering](#).

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