

Procurement and Access of Personal Protective Equipment and Hygiene products for Education settings and childcare in Telford & Wrekin Council

Most staff in education, childcare and children's social care settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others.

If a child, young person, or student already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, the same PPE should continue to be used.

Therefore during the COVID outbreak, additional PPE is only required in a very small limited number of scenarios:

- If an individual child, young person or other learner becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained
- when performing **aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)**

If you are an education setting or childcare settings within the borough of Telford & Wrekin Council and you cannot obtain the PPE you need or have an urgent unmet need for PPE, you can contact Telford & Wrekin Council using the dedicated coronavirus@telford.gov.uk and we will support you to access PPE suppliers and if available allocate stock locally (using the PPE Request form).

We have a local supplier list that is constantly updated on the educational SharePoint site.

As well as your existing procurement routes, you can source PPE and cleaning products through the [Crown Commercial Service \(CCS\) safer working supplies website](#). Suppliers and products listed on this website meet standards set out by the Department of Health and Social Care. Products purchased through this route will not detract from supply available to medical settings. In addition, public sector buying organisations have pre-existing experience and relationships across the education, childcare and children's social care sectors. Some of these organisations have e-catalogues offering PPE and cleaning products.

They include:

- [ESPO](#)
- [YPO](#)
- [NEPO](#)

When sourcing their own PPE it is advisable to read the [technical specifications for personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#).

If neither Telford & Wrekin Council nor the LRF are able to respond to an education or childcare setting's unmet urgent need for PPE, they will need to make their own judgement in line with their risk assessment as to whether it is safe to continue to operate.

Further advice and information

[safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe](#)