

Real Life Learning Academy Trust

First Aid Policy: Covid 19 addendum



Acton CE Primary Academy

**Beverley Dolman
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1. Scope

This addendum highlights the variances to the existent First Aid Policy whilst a range of measures remain in place within the Trust from September 2020 due to Covid 19. However, the general principles of the First Aid Policy remain in place.

Acton CE Academy will continue to ensure that appropriate first aid measures are available for our children, staff and visitors who attend any of our sites. This means there will be staff who hold the relevant First Aid qualifications to attend to any medical incidents that may occur and that there are sufficient medical supplies available (including PPE) for them to administer the relevant response required. All accidents will continue to be logged onto our PRIME system.

2. Symptoms and Transmission of Covid 19

The symptoms of Covid 19 are:

- Recent onset of a new continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

No child or member of staff should attend Acton if they present with any of the above symptoms.

COVID-19 is most likely to be transmitted when there is close contact (within 2 metres or less) with an infected person. The risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person. Respiratory secretions (droplets) containing the virus are considered to be the most important means of transmission; generally, through coughing or sneezing. Infection can be spread by touching a surface, person or object which hosts the droplets and then touching your face, particularly, eyes, mouth and nose.

3. What happens if there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus in school?

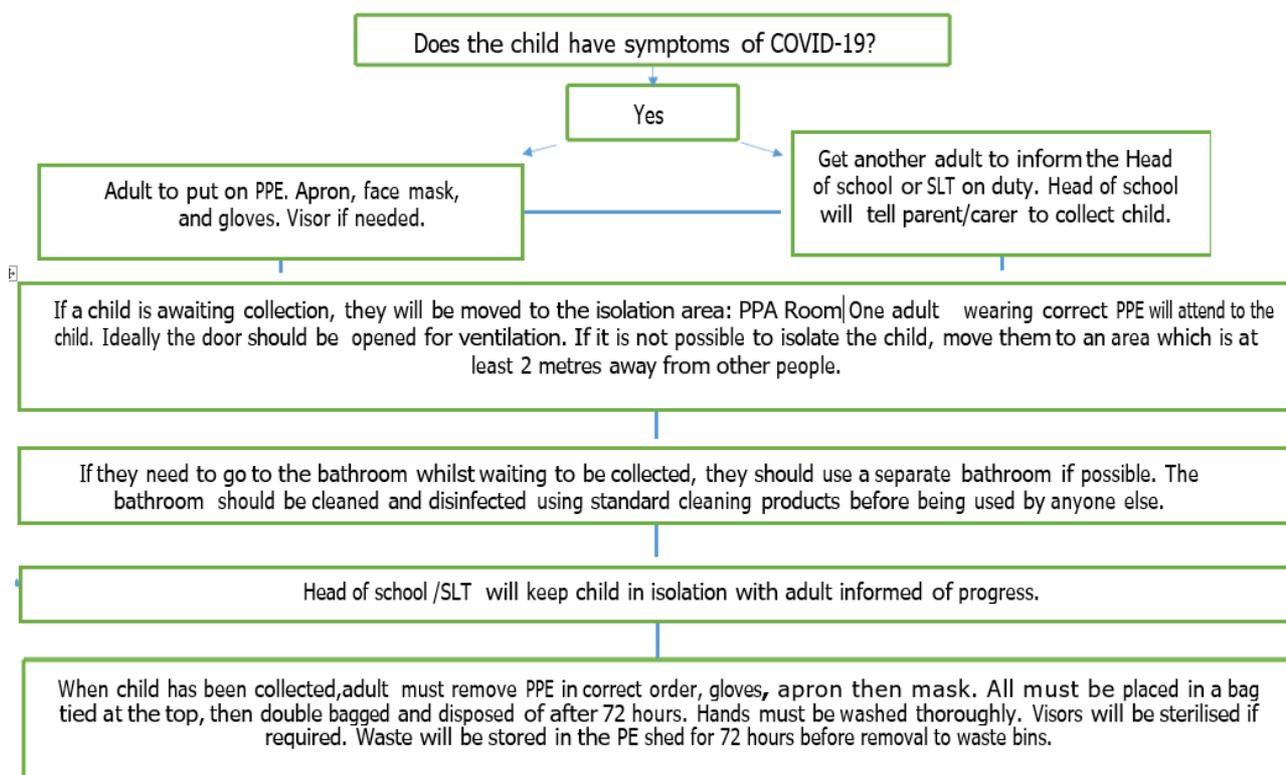
When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and asked to book to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.

Tests can be booked by visiting NHS.UK or by contacting NHS 119 by telephone.

Up until the results of the test are known the child or adult presenting with symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. Where the child or staff member tests negative they can return to school and other household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of children or staff from that class do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with develops symptoms.

4. How will a child who presents with symptoms be managed in school?



5. Dealing with any medical concerns

Any first aiders who are unable to maintain social distancing measure of 2m when attending a first aid incident should follow Government guidelines on usage of PPE: When on duty they should ensure that they have immediate access to the minimum PPE – face mask, disposable gloves and plastic apron. Please see guidance on Donning and Doffing PPE:

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-the-correct-order-for-donning-doffing-and-disposal-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe-for-healthcare-workers-hcws-in-a-primary-care-setting/>

First Aiders should make themselves familiar with the guidance below in order to protect both themselves and others they are in contact with:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-responders-and-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov>

All first aid should be administered in the sink areas in the classroom the child is part of and treatment will be dealt with by the trained individuals.

Please use an apron and gloves. Use the full set of PPE if you are concerned about Covid 19 symptoms or bodily fluids and follow the Covid 19 response procedure.

Please ensure you wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and running water both before and after dealing with any issue.

All areas will need to be cleaned after any administration of first aid using the antibacterial wipes in the classes. The isolation area will be fogged at the end of the day. Other areas can be fogged also if bodily fluids have been spilt. If this is the case ensure people remain away from the area, follow PPE guidance, use the spillage kit or place paper towels onto the spillage and then clean and fog. Please refer to advice in the cleaning in non-healthcare settings.

If in the event of an emergency Head of School will always be available and will if absolutely necessary break the classroom bubble. This should always be seen as a last resort.

If you require assistance please send support staff to the office door/window, however if you do not have a support member of staff at the time please email admin and Head of School to alert your concern.

Resuscitation Advice:

If you are required to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), you should conduct a risk assessment (known as a "dynamic risk assessment") and adopt appropriate precautions for infection control.

In adults, it is recommended that you do not perform rescue breaths or mouth-to-mouth ventilation; perform chest compressions only. Compression-only CPR may be as effective as combined ventilation and compression in the first few minutes after non-asphyxial arrest (cardiac arrest not due to lack of oxygen).

Cardiac arrest in children is more likely to be caused by a respiratory problem (asphyxial arrest), therefore chest compressions alone are unlikely to be effective.

If a decision is made to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation in asphyxial arrest, use a resuscitation face shield where available.

Should you have given mouth-to-mouth ventilation there are no additional actions to be taken other than to monitor yourself for symptoms of possible COVID-19 over the following 14 days. Should you develop such symptoms you should follow the advice on what to do on the [NHS website](#).