

# PHE South East - Thames Valley Health Protection Team: Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

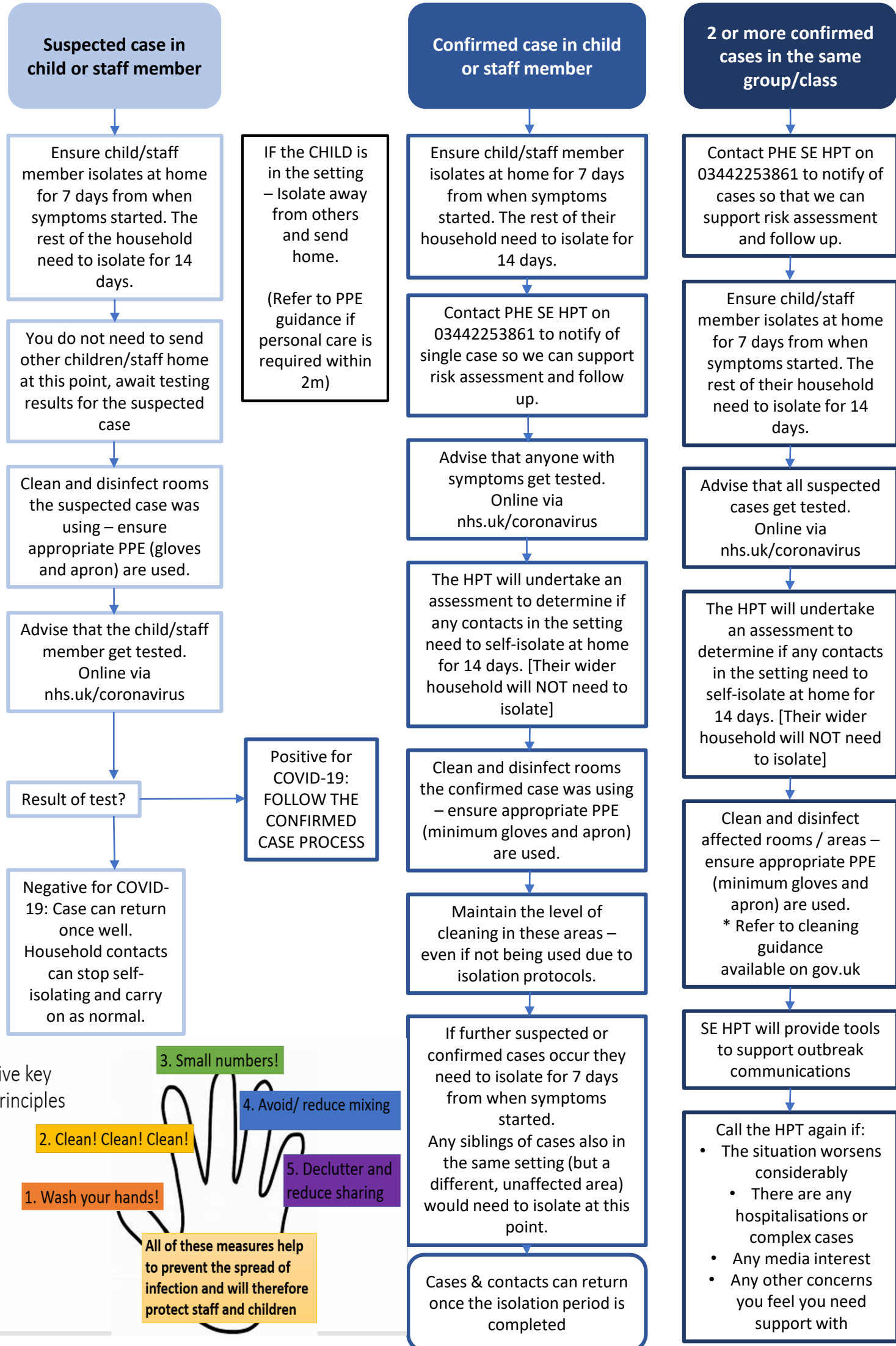
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Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. This will help prevent COVID-19 spreading in schools, as well as other infectious diseases.

If you have any infection control concerns or questions please call the Thames Valley Health Protection Team on 03442253861. If the matter is not urgent you can also email [TVPHE@phe.gov.uk](mailto:TVPHE@phe.gov.uk).

GUIDANCE: Visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus) for detailed schools guidance and other guidance

TESTING: Visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)



**COVID-19 Case Definition:**  
**(as of 18/05/20) – any of the following:**

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

**Cleaning:**  
For detailed guidance refer to the guidance on gov.uk

Routine measures during COVID-19 pandemic should already be to outbreak standard.

PPE should be worn for cleaning – minimum gloves and disposable apron. Consider using face mask and eye protection if risk is high – i.e. cleaning areas where there are visible bodily fluids.

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 or paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces (e.g. floors, sanitary fittings, chairs, tables)

Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or use 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.

**School Closure**  
If you think you may need to close the school contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 first to discuss the public health perspective.

