

# Sheet Primary School First Aid Policy Update:

## September 2020

What should be done if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and needs to be cared for until they can return home?

If anyone in an education, childcare or non-residential children social care setting becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they must be sent home and advised to follow the Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

They should self-isolate for at least 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19.) Other members of their household must self-isolate for 14 days from when the initial household member first had symptoms.

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to the Doves where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision if required depending on the age of the child. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the disabled toilet bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if direct personal care is needed and a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs). This is available at the school office.

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital. Any member of staff who has helped someone with symptoms, and any children or young people who have been in close contact with them, do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves or they are later advised to do so by NHS Test and Trace or the Local Health Protection Team.

Everyone should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

Does coronavirus (COVID-19) mean that PPE is needed for administering first aid? Children, young people or learners who require first aid should continue to receive care in the same way. No additional PPE is needed because of coronavirus (COVID-19) for anyone who does not have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

### If the child is reported to have COVID19 the following procedure will apply:

An urgent email and text are sent from the office to the whole school (see instructions on notice board).

Children who have been in the affected child's 'bubble' will be collected as soon as possible and are asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Siblings of these children CAN come to school whilst their sibling is self-isolating.

On-line learning will kick in for all children self-isolating.