

Special Amendments to Grange First Aid Policy During Covid-19 Epidemic

This amendment to the First Aid Policy outlines specific changes to guidance that staff will have to follow. Our sole guiding principle when making any changes or adjustments to policy is to be able to keep all of our children, families and staff safe and place their wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do.

All staff to be aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 and know how to act accordingly.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild.

If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should [self-isolate at home](#).

What you need to know

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they develop coronavirus (COVID-19) [symptoms](#) to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise, those who are eligible or required to attend should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children develop coronavirus (COVID-19) [symptoms](#) while at school they must be sent home
- clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using standard cleaning products
- supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands more often than usual. They should do so thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- posters and lesson plans on general hand hygiene to support pupils understanding.

What to do if someone develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) whilst at an educational setting

If anyone develops coronavirus (COVID-19) [symptoms](#) in an education setting they must be sent home and advised to follow the [staying at home guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door (The Staff Room), with appropriate adult supervision. 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 a separate bathroom if possible (The Disabled Toilet). 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 a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

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.

If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) [symptoms](#), they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. You can find [guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings](#).

First Aiders

Named First Aiders in school should where possible treat children within the group or 'bubble' that they are assigned to using the first aid equipment assigned to that room. PPE is available to be worn if required in the First Aid Room and should be worn and removed according to guidance given.

First Aid Slips are still required to be filled in and should be sent home with the child and parents informed.