

PPE RECOMMENDED USE: SPECIAL SCHOOLS

HANDWASHING IS THE PRIMARY PREVENTATIVE & PROTECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST ALL INFECTIONS

	Examples	Children in the NHS shielding (extremely vulnerable group)	All other children in special schools
General advice		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible, all children in this group should stay at home and not attend school • Children with symptoms, or where any household member has symptoms, should follow the national guidance and stay at home • If a child needs to be in school then they should be separated from others • Cohort staff as much as possible so the same staff member works with the same child / children • Practice good hygiene - frequent hand washing, catch it bin it kill it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible, all children should stay at home and not attend school • Children with symptoms, or where any household member has symptoms, should follow the national guidance and stay at home • If a child needs to be in school then follow social distancing (>2m) wherever possible. PPE is not needed in this situation • Cohort staff as much as possible so the same staff member works with the same child / children • Practice good hygiene - frequent hand washing, catch it bin it kill it.
Any activity where you can socially distance (>2m)	Teaching sessions, preparing meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE required
Personal care (within 2m) but no direct contact	Teaching sessions where you are unable to socially distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid resistant face mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical mask. Use a fluid resistant surgical mask if there is a high risk of respiratory droplets e.g. frequent spitting, coughing. Consider eye protection.
Close and direct contact (within 2m)	Feeding, giving medication, toileting, washing, mild restraint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron and fluid resistant face mask • Consider the need for goggles if there are likely to be droplets e.g. child spits or coughs or has a speech impediment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear PPE: disposable gloves, disposable apron and fluid resistant face mask • Consider the need for goggles if there are likely to be droplets e.g. child spits or coughs or has a speech impediment.
Aerosol generating procedures	e.g. caring for children with tracheostomies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See NHS guidance on PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See NHS guidance on PPE