

Part 7 – WA Risk Assessment – June 21 COVID-19 Supply and Use of Personal Protective Equipment

To ensure all staff feel safe to return to their learning environment, Academy Transformation Trust will provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Each academy will be provided with the following items of PPE ahead of increasing the number of pupils on site each day:

- 500ml dispenser bottles of hand sanitiser (60% alcohol)
- 1 litre wall mounted dispenser of hand sanitiser (60% alcohol)
- Face coverings
- Face covering protective visors for medical use
- Surgical face masks to provide cover of mouth and nose
- Polyethene medical aprons
- Single use Nitrile disposable powder free gloves
- Forehead thermometer gun

We have strengthened our supply chain, sourced competitive prices and developed the quickest possible route to market, in order to secure a diverse range of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our staff to use in our academies and combat the transmission between staff and pupils of COVID-19. We have also secured a number of suppliers with sufficient pipeline of key stock to ensure we can meet demand throughout this period.

PPE will be made available for staff who want to use the equipment at their discretion whilst teaching and moving around the academy, to provide comfort and protect from the risk of infection.

There are also times when PPE must be used as a rule and in line with this procedure.

Use of PPE

Prior to use of PPE staff must:

- Thoroughly wash hands for 20 seconds using anti-bacterial soap/handwash
- Use hand sanitiser (60% alcohol)

After using PPE staff must:

- Thoroughly wash hands for 20 seconds using anti-bacterial soap/handwash
- Use hand sanitiser (60% alcohol)
- Dispose of single use PPE (gloves/apron)
- Dispose of soiled PPE items (face visors/masks)
- Disposal involves bagging items twice and using a closed lid bin not located in a class space i.e. medical room/room allocated for unwell pupils/external bin
- Face visors and masks used for collection of children at the start or end of the day can be wiped down with anti-bacterial spray and used again

When PPE Must be Used

Access/Egress start and end of the school day

Face coverings must be worn in corridors and communal areas and in any other instance on site when social distance cannot be maintained.

When collecting pupils in the morning, enforcing social distancing with parents outside of the academy gates and returning pupils to parents at the end of the day, staff can use the following PPE if they cannot maintain a 1 metre distance from parents:

- Surgical mask
- Polyethene medical aprons
- Single use Nitrile disposable powder free gloves

Gloves must be disposed of after use, but masks used for this purpose can be wiped down with anti-bacterial spray and used again for the purpose of collecting pupils from parents or interacting at a distance of 1 metre or less.

First Aid and Administering Medicines

Despite all efforts to maintain social distancing in the case of administering first aid and medicines, there will be times where this cannot be achieved.

In these cases, the procedure for use of PPE must be adhered to and the following PPE used:

- Surgical mask or face covering visor
- Polyethene medical aprons
- Single use Nitrile disposable powder free gloves

Intimate Care

When working in close proximity with a student to deliver intimate care where social distancing measures cannot be met, staff must use the following items of PPE:

- Surgical mask or face covering visor
- Polyethene medical aprons
- Single use Nitrile disposable powder free gloves

Working in close proximity, working with students who have an EHCP, situations involving the spill of bodily fluids, in certain provision restraining pupils, are all considered to be intimate care. If you have any concerns or doubts about what constitutes intimate care, please liaise with ATT's Estates Team to provide clarity.

Taking temperature

Unless a student is showing symptoms of COVID-19 taking their temperature using a thermometer forehead gun should not require use of PPE.

Managing Stock

A member of the academy will be nominated to manage the dissemination of PPE to staff as required and packs of PPE will be made up and left in each classroom, the main hall and the allocated space for unwell students.

The Estates Dept will monitor stock levels and order more items as required or when stocks drop to 50% of the initial limit.