

Derbyshire County Council

Quick guide to Covid-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) and face covering requirements

Schools and Early Years

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Scope:

- All Derbyshire County Council supported schools and early years provision.

PPE requirements:

The contents of this guide meet the minimum requirements for PPE in the relevant government guidance and supplemented by Derbyshire County Council public health advice and risk assessments. This document should be read in conjunction with:

- COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance
- PPE requirements for Derbyshire County Council Employees during COVID-19

Both documents are available on the Our Derbyshire [Personal Protective Equipment](#) webpage. Further information about PPE is available on [Services for Schools \(S4S\)](#).

Please note that this guide only refers to PPE needed to be worn for Covid-19 purposes. Appropriate PPE for all other purposes should continue to be worn as normal.

All used PPE should be disposed of safely according to DCC guidance.

PPE usage definitions:

- Single use – Used for interaction with one client only. Item is discarded after the interaction is finished.
- Sessional use – Used for one session only and then discarded. A session is the time spent working between breaks.
- Shift use – Used for the whole shift only and then discarded. A shift is the time from starting to finishing work in a 24-hour period.

Notes:

1. Visors – Visors should be worn for the duration shown in the table unless heavily contaminated. Contaminated visors should be discarded and replaced after completing the interaction with a client or other intervention.
2. Face coverings - Wearing a face covering is mandatory in many indoor public spaces outside of social care settings. Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who: cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability; or speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate.
3. Clear face coverings - See 'PPE requirements for Derbyshire County Council Employees during COVID-19' for information on clear face-coverings for staff to use with clients who are deaf or hearing impaired.

Table 1 – Personal care

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
All (except AGP¹) with Covid-19 symptoms	If attending a child or adult within 2 metres who has Covid-19 symptoms.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	Not used
All (except AGP) without Covid-19 symptoms	Providing personal care within 2 metres of the individual (without Covid-19 symptoms) such as assistance with feeding, washing, changing, dressing and first aid.	Single use	Single use	Sessional use	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	Not used
AGP	For complex personal care with individuals (with or without Covid-19 symptoms) for Tracheotomy/tracheostomy procedures (insertion/open suctioning/removal); Non- Invasive Ventilation (NIV) such as Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure ventilation (CPAP); Induction of sputum; High Flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO), also called High Flow Nasal Cannula.	Single use	Not used	Not used	Single use	Single use	Single use	Not used

¹ AGP – Aerosol Generating Procedure

Table 2 – Other settings with children and the public

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
Classrooms and activity/play areas	Classrooms and activity/play areas.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	Not used
Communal areas with children – Year 6 and below	Communal areas with children – Year 6 and below (if school policy, except where local restrictions/lockdown require this).	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	As required
Communal areas with children – Year 7 and above	Communal areas with children – Year 7 and above (if school policy, except where local restrictions/lockdown require this).	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	As required
Communal areas with adults	Communal areas with adults (if school policy unless local restrictions/lockdown require this).	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	As required
Public or school transport	When travelling on public or school transport.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of bodily fluids entering eye)	Not used	Not used	Sessional use
Public indoor spaces	Visits to public indoor spaces where it is mandatory to wear a face covering.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	As required

Table 3 – Other settings when alone or with colleagues

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
Working alone	In any area where there are no other people, except indoor areas subject to mandatory wearing of face coverings.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
Contact with work colleagues	Contact with work colleagues who do not have symptoms of or are not confirmed as having COVID 19 and able to maintain social distancing of 2 metres most of the time.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
Routine cleaning of Covid-19 contaminated areas	Routine cleaning of areas where someone with COVID-19 has been or passed through.	Single use	Single use	Not used	Sessional use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
Enhanced cleaning of Covid-19 contaminated areas	Enhanced cleaning where there is potential for a higher virus level, for example, the room of a confirmed Covid-19 resident.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used