

Schools Guidance – Infectious Diseases

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The DCC Public Health guidance has now been replaced with a direct link to [United Kingdom Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) guidance](#) which will be updated regularly in accordance with any national changes. This will ensure timely updates for all settings, who are advised to save the link and check for regular updates.

Further background information about [infections in children and young people](#) is also available on GOV.UK.

- Schools should access this information in the first instance, followed by contacting their regional UKHSA Health Protection Team (referred to in guidance as “your local Health Protection Team”) to report notifiable infectious diseases, or if you are concerned about the number of cases rising in your setting, or the co-circulation of infections. Please refer to the online guidance linked above as to when you should contact the team for support.
- This is a very important function for schools and other settings to undertake and was a requirement prior to the COVID19 pandemic. It helps as part of our national public health function, to monitor rates of infections, highlight any potential problematic rise in rates and get extra help to areas or settings affected, with extra preventative or treatment measures in place promptly.

Your UKHSA contact:

UKHSA East Midlands Health Protection Team

Public Health England, Seaton House City Link
Nottingham
NG2 4LA

Telephone: [0344 2254 524](tel:0344 2254 524)

- There is a UKHSA poster to assist schools in giving information to parents to emphasise infection prevention measures, including whether to keep a child away from school or not. Schools can access this via the first link above and select “[posters](#)” or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1070910/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my_child_off_school_guidance-A3-poster.pdf