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# Derby City Council Public Health Support for Education Settings Managing Communicable Disease 2023-24 V1

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## Recommended actions for education settings in the 2023-24 academic year

### Recommended actions:

* Ensure a plan for maintaining ventilation in all settings is in place, particularly over the winter
* Ensure systems and processes are in place which provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in premises and that facilitates the prevention and control of infections, particularly where staff, students or children have been unwell
* Have a policy in place that outlines the process for sending students, staff and children who are unwell home
* Identify an effective process for engaging with students, staff, children, and parents on symptom of illness and when absences are necessary or unnecessary
* Encourage staff, students, and children to get their vaccinations, including those organised outside of the education setting
* Continue your support of the vaccination programme by working collaboratively with the school age immunisation service (SAIS).
* Contact the UKHSA (0344 225 4524) and council public health ([cct@derby.gov.uk](mailto:cct@derby.gov.uk)) in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease

### Recommended planning:

* There should be a nominated staff member or team who understands who should be contacted in the event of a case or outbreak of illness.
* Ensure you have systems in place to record cases and outbreaks of infectious disease.
* Ensure you have clear governance arrangements in place at your setting, so that staff understand which staff members are able to make decisions about cases and outbreaks.
* Review risk assessments to ensure they cover potential infectious disease scenarios.

## Who to contact and when?

Education settings should contact the UKHSA East Midlands Team (0344 225 4524) if:

* They have an outbreak of illness that is higher than previously experienced, or rapidly increasing
* There is evidence of severe disease (such as a hospitalisation)
* More than one infection is circulating in the same group of students, staff, or children at the same time.

They should also contact public health at the council ([cct@derby.gov.uk](mailto:cct@derby.gov.uk)).

Education settings must contact the UKHSA to report any of the following illnesses, as there may be specific actions the education setting is required to take:

* E. coli 0157 or E coli STEC infection
* food poisoning
* hepatitis
* measles, mumps, rubella (rubella is also called German measles)
* meningococcal meningitis or septicemia
* scarlet fever (if an outbreak or co-circulating chicken pox)
* tuberculosis (TB)
* Typhoid
* whooping cough (also called pertussis)

Please see the [Health protection in education and childcare settings guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/) for more information.