**Personal protective equipment (PPE) in school hubs and standalone schools during Covid-19**

Guidance published by Public Health England states that staff volunteering in most school/educational settings acting as childcare providers should engage in more frequent hand washing and adhere to social distancing, but do not usually need to wear PPE: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

However, within the context of significant national demand, we also understand that school hubs reasonably wish to utilise PPE. The council has a very limited supply of PPE to distribute across adult and children’s services, GPs, special schools, PRUs and school/early years hubs. There continues to be an abundance of goodwill and support across services and between schools during the current situation. We are asking everyone to continue to work collaboratively, with each other and us, by following the three steps outlined below, to ensure that all settings receive sufficient PPE provision.

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| **3 step process to source PPE** | |
| **1** | Liaise with colleagues from local cluster schools and arrange pooling/sharing of PPE |
| **2** | Contact alternative suppliers to source PPE |
| **3** | Make a request for PPE to CCC via the Learning Improvement Service: please use ‘Request for PPE’ form below.  *Each request will be based on our ‘minimum offer’ (per 10 children, per week) of:*   * *100 pairs of disposable gloves* * *1000ml of hand sanitiser*   *Additional PPE dependent on particular setting context may be requested.*  Please email forms by 11:00am on Friday for delivery the following week. |

**Request for PPE**

Requests for PPE will be based on our ‘minimum offer’ of 1000ml of hand sanitiser and 100 pairs of disposable gloves per 10 children, per week.

To request any additional PPE, based on specific contexts, please complete the second section of the form.

Thursday 11am to enable assessment. Applicants will receive notification of what can be provided by noon on Friday, hoping to deliver the same day or by Monday morning.

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| **Section 1: standard request for PPE based on ‘minimum offer’** | |
| **Name of School Hub / Standalone School** |  |
| **Date form sent to LIS**  *(send by 11:00am Friday for delivery the following week)* |  |
| **Average daily number of children accessing provision** |  |
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| **Section 2: request for additional PPE based on specific context** | |
| **Items and amounts requested** |  |
| **Specific context of setting necessitating additional PPE** |  |

Please email forms to Judith Chandler - [Judith.chandler1@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.chandler1@cumbria.gov.uk) - by Thursday 11am to enable assessment. Applicants will receive notification of what can be provided by noon on Friday, hoping to deliver the same day or by Monday morning.