

Schools On-line Meeting and Q&A

8th December 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the schools Q&A session

- Sharing good practice
- Any questions please post on chat and we will answer at Q&A session



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Special guests:

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If you have any questions,

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the H&S Team on:

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Health and Safety Meeting

08th December 2021

Debra Harding

Public Health Schools Lead for COVID-19

Current figures in Slough

03rd December 2021:

- Case Rate is 419.2 per 100,000 (increasing)
- 60+ case rate is 110.0 per 100,000 (decreased)
- Positivity rate in Slough is 10.1% (stagnant)
- Slough is 228 in the national rankings (380 areas)

Cases are highest amongst 11-16 year olds, 5-10 year olds and then 25-29 year olds

Outbreaks in a small number of Slough schools

Rates of cases is higher than England (437.8 per 100,000) but lower than the South East (560.8 per 100,000)

Test and trace payments

Find out if you can get a Test and Trace Support Payment from your local Council

- You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you're on a low income and meet all these conditions:
- you're employed or self-employed
- you, or a child you're the parent or guardian of, has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or been told you or the child are a close contact by NHS Test and Trace
- you cannot work from home and will lose income by self-isolating or staying at home to care for the child
- you're not [exempt from self-isolating](#)
- You can still claim if it's your child who has been told to self-isolate.

[Apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

ANY QUESTIONS?

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New Public Health Website:

<http://www.publichealthslough.co.uk>

COVID 19 – Latest update

Guidance updates

- **FLOWCHART** 038 B - transport settings (involving pupils to educational settings) v8
- **FORM 038C** - COVID - implementing Protective Measures in Education and Childcare Settings Checklist v23
- **FORM 038K** - COVID - implementing protective measures for out of school settings Checklist v20



Legionella Awareness

- Ensure Legionella risk assessment and/or review is carried out every 2 years or sooner if there have been any significant changes



Legionella Awareness

Ensure actions are undertaken from Legionella risk assessment and necessary checks are conducted at the required time intervals i.e. daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly/annually:

- Water system
- Air conditioning systems
- Hot/cold temperature checks
- Thermostatic mixing valves
- Cold water storage tanks
- Boiler/calorifier
- Showerheads



Legionella Awareness

Ensure records specify the following:

- Inspection/test/service carried out
- Date
- Time completed
- Location of asset i.e. tap 1 – ground floor toilet wash basin (refer to schematics)
- Duration of test i.e. 5 mins for flushing
- By whom (internal/contractor)
- Results of checks undertaken
- Any concerns found
- Actions required
- Individual responsible
- Close out of action



Legionella Awareness

- Ensure records are updated by site staff/contractors and the necessary paperwork and logbook is completed
- Ensure a rota is in place to cover staff when they are on leave/off work
- Ensure individuals responsible for undertaking legionella checks have had the necessary training



FLASH

FLASH Checklists were issued in November and are due to be returned by Friday 10th December 2021.

Completed returns to be sent to:

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School Trust fined after failing to control the disease risk from animals:

- An Academies Trust has been fined after failing to control the risk to humans from infectious diseases carried by animals.
- The Trust, which operates 12 schools, failed to properly control the risk from zoonotic diseases to employees, pupils and visitors at one of its academies. The academy school was home to several animals including goats, pigs and rabbits.
- Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the trust:
 - had failed to provide adequate washing facilities to control the risks of disease to employees, pupils and visitors to the academy.
 - failed to provide suitable housing for the animals to minimise the risk to children as well as adequate training for staff.

The Academies Trust, Nottingham, pleaded guilty to:

- Breach of Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 - . failure to implement suitable arrangements which meant that there was a significant risk to the health of people including the children.
- They were fined £20,000 and ordered to pay full costs of £7,304.10 and a victim surcharge of £170.

Schools must ensure that:

- the risks of zoonotic diseases are adequately assessed and effectively controlled includes adequate supervision and washing facilities.

More information can be found on:

<https://press.hse.gov.uk/2021/10/04/school-trust-fined-after-failing-to-control-the-disease-risk-from-animals/>

Off-site Educational Visits - update

DfE School Trip Guidance December 2021

DfE guidance recommends considering booking trips abroad – the key points to consider:

- The need to isolate and test on arrival back in to the UK
- Risk of disruption to education
- Refer to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office travel advice and the guidance on international travel before booking and travelling.
- All trips must be subject to a full and thorough RISK ASSESSMENT which includes the current public health advice



Training Programme 2022

Administration of Medication

- Wednesday 19th January – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Contractor Management

- Thursday 17th February 2022 – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Pregnancy Risk Assessment

- Tuesday 22nd March 2022 – 9.30am – 12.30pm



More information on costs and course content is on TheLink

To book please email: healthandsafety@slough.gov.uk



CLEAPSS

Secondary science departments can download H&S policy (DL223) and customise. The link is:

science.cleapss.org.uk/Resource-Info/G223-Model-Health-and-Safety-Policy-for-Science-Departments.aspx

science.cleapss.org.uk/Resource-Info/DL223-Customisable-Model-Health-and-Safety-Policy-for-Science-Departments.aspx

D&T department can use the model policy that can be customised. The link is:

[L260 - Model Health and Safety Policy for D&T \(cleapss.org.uk\)](http://L260 - Model Health and Safety Policy for D&T (cleapss.org.uk))

Also offers useful advice for teachers and heads of department

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Answers

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