



# **Oral Suctioning Protocols**

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### **The child/young person will be treated with prescribed oral suctioning**

All staff supporting with this medical intervention must have completed the underpinning knowledge training annually and observed by the School Health advisor with practical demonstration School.

Information for staff carrying out oral suctioning:

- The staff member performing oral suctioning should wear droplet precaution PPE (fluid repellent face mask, apron, gloves).
- Under the current covid 19 infection control gov guidance staff must have been to the fitment test procedure to ensure you have the correct FFPT2/3 Face mask covering
- PPE needs to be changed between each episode of care.
- This should ideally be performed in a separate space where possible.
- If a child is symptomatic, they should be sent home immediately or not allowed into school.
- In the interests of infection control, young people are only to be assisted with oral suctioning using their own equipment which should be stored in a clearly labelled box.
- Staff must communicate with parents/carers to ensure we have enough supplies of all necessary equipment to support the management of their child's Oral Suctioning Health Care plan provided by NHS.
- All equipment that is received must be inventoried in by the class team and stored appropriately and accessible to staff.

### **Before supporting with Oral Suctioning:**

- Ensure you have completed the relevant training and you have read and understand the young person's Health Care plan and risk assessment.
- Check the equipment is in good working order on arrival on site.
- Follow the person centred Health Care plan.
- Ensure you keep up to date documentation of all medical interventions given.

### **After the intervention:**

- Clean all equipment used with hot soapy water.
- Ensure you dispose of PPE in the clinical waste bins provided
- Ensure the time of the procedure is clearly displayed outside the room to ensure this is ventilated for 45 minutes and no entry for this period of time..

### **Remember to:**



Ensure the child/young person's dignity and privacy are maintained, offer reassurance and stay with them until they recover.

Report any concerns immediately to the senior leadership team or school health adviser and parents/carers.

More information

<https://www.physio.co.uk/treatments/respiratory-treatment/oral-suction.php#:~:text=For%20oral%20suction%20to%20be,would%20benefit%20from%20oral%20suction.>

Please follow the advice given by the health professionals in accordance with the latest government guidance for Covid 19 around Infection Control protocols and Risk Assessments when carrying out these medical interventions - remember to use the correct PPE for each medical intervention and keep clear records documenting all the support given.

Please be aware that all guidance is subject to change dependent on the latest Covid 19 guidance from the NHS and Public Health England  
Please email the Administration team if you need to contact parents.

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