

Health Protection for schools, nurseries and other childcare facilities

Appendix 3. Diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak – schools, nurseries and other childcare settings action checklist

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| Date Completed: | | | |
| Checklist Completed By (Print Name): | | | |
| Name & Tel No of Institution: | | | |
| Name of Head Teacher/Manager: | | | |
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| | Yes | No | Comments: |
| Deploy 48 hour exclusion rule for ill children and staff | | | |
| Liquid soap and paper hand towels available | | | |
| Staff to check/encourage/supervise hand washing in children | | | |
| Check that deep cleaning, ie twice daily (min) cleaning and follow through with bleach/Milton/ appropriate disinfectant is being carried out, (especially toilets, frequently touched surfaces eg handles and taps and including any special equipment and play areas). Ensure that all staff/contractors involved in cleaning are aware of, and are following, the guidance | | | |
| Disposable protective clothing available (ie non-powdered latex/synthetic vinyl gloves & aprons) | | | |
| Appropriate waste disposal systems in place for infectious waste | | | |
| Advice given on cleaning of vomit (including steam cleaning carpets/furniture or machine hot washing of soft furnishings) | | | |
| Clean and disinfect hard toys daily (with detergent and water followed by bleach/Milton). Limit and stock rotate toys | | | |
| Suspend use of soft toys plus water/sand play and cookery activities during outbreak | | | |
| Segregate infected linen (and use dissolvable laundry bags where possible) | | | |
| Visitors restricted. Essential visitors informed of outbreak and advised on hand washing | | | |
| New children joining institution suspended | | | |
| Keep staff working in dedicated areas (restrict food handling if possible). Inform HPT of any affected food handlers. | | | |
| Check if staff work elsewhere (restrict) and that all staff are well (including agency). Exclude if unwell (see above re 48 hour rule) | | | |
| HPT informed of any planned events at the institution | | | |
| Inform School Nurse and discuss about informing OFSTED, if applicable. | | | |