

Supervised Toothbrushing Programme COVID-19 Outbreak (Suspected or confirmed) Frequently Asked Questions

Measures to take if an outbreak of COVID-19 occurs in an Early Years setting delivering the Supervised Toothbrushing programme:

What should we do if a child who is participating in the supervised toothbrushing programme tests positive for Covid19?

- Pause your supervised toothbrushing programme immediately.
- Record all the children's names who are in the same toothbrushing 'bubble' cohort in the supervised toothbrushing risk assessment log.

Who should we contact if the child tests positive?

- Contact your local Infection Prevention Lead at your setting for further guidance.
- Notify your Oral Health Project Officer who will support you with supervised toothbrushing programme advice.

What should we do with the toothbrushing resources used in the children's 'bubble' cohort?

- Discard ALL the toothbrushes in the storage rack including the toothpaste tube used.
- The storage rack can be cleaned as per manufacturers guidance.
- Remember to record the date and time of the incident and the names of the children within the bubble cohort

When should we inform parents?

- Parents/guardians should be notified at the earliest convenience that their child's supervised toothbrushing programme has been paused until further notice.

What if a parent or guardian has concerns?

- Reassure the parents/guardian that risk assessment procedures are in place and that they will be notified at the earliest convenience if their child's supervised toothbrushing programme has been paused until further notice.

When can we resume toothbrushing activity again?

- Keep in regular contact with your Oral Health team, they will support you when ready to resume your supervised toothbrushing activity with the children's 'bubble' cohort.

For further information or advice please contact your local Oral Health Team