

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

**Question**

Given the Government's advice to wear face coverings when shopping or in a public place, will the Minister advise –

- (a) what personal protective equipment (P.P.E.), if any, is provided to school staff currently at work;
- (b) what manner of P.P.E. will be provided to school staff on any wider return to work; and
- (c) whether any specific equipment is currently, or will be, provided for schools that require a greater level of physical support for students, such as Mont à l'Abbé?

**Answer**

- (a) The provision of P.P.E. for schools follows guidance issued by the Medical Officer of Health and Government of Jersey advice. As such, P.P.E. has been limited to our special schools open during the school closure period for a small number of vulnerable children and children of critical workers. The PPE is provided for the eventuality of a child in a special school becoming symptomatic on site and staff needing to respond or supervise closely whilst in isolation and waiting for collection by parents.
- (b) Schools are being supported, by a central CYPES team, with their planning for a safe return to work. P.P.E. is not required or recommended for general use in any school setting. Schools will be provided with a stock of P.P.E. which contains the full items necessary for responding to a student or staff member becoming symptomatic whilst at school.
- (c) Mont à l'Abbé, as a special school has had access at all times to PPE in order to manage pupils with greater need of physical support and personal care.