

Undertaking aerosol generating procedures

Some of you have been undertaking aerosol generating procedures for your students needing this additional care, since the returning to school of many of these students since September 2020.

Whilst we know that the guidance on aerosol generating procedures, which is under regular review may change, as we move through this pandemic, there is still a need to protect you the staff and your students.

To support you in this, our colleagues in public health organised training to enable staff to receive fit test training, which would ensure that the fittings of FP3 surgical masks could be undertaken in a timely manner in your different sites.

A fit test should be carried out before people wear FP3 masks for the first time. A fit test should be repeated whenever there is a change to the FP3 type, size, model or material, or whenever there is a change to the circumstances of the wearer that could alter the fit. These include:

- weight loss or gain
- substantial dental work
- any facial changes (scars, moles, effects of ageing etc) around the face seal area
- facial piercings

We are aware that staff initially trained may have changed roles. We would like to offer fit test training again for new 'fitters' before the end of March. Please contact Sarah sarah.smith@kent.gov.uk with the name of your school, names of staff to be trained and their contact details by Friday 7th February 2022.