# DfE advice on handling suspected cases of monkeypox

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The DfE has provided advice on what to do if you have a suspected case(s) of monkeypox in your school, college or trust:

* Monkeypox does not usually spread easily between people and the risk to the UK population remains low.
* There are currently very few cases of monkeypox in the UK.
* Individuals with suspected monkeypox should call 111 or go to a health professional (alerting the clinic to their suspicion first and avoiding other contacts until they've seen a clinician). You can find further information on the UKHSA website for advice and guidance [here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/monkeypox).
* Local health protection teams are working with individuals who have been identified as a confirmed monkeypox case to advise them on what they should do and are managing close contacts/contact tracing.
* During the contact tracing process if any settings of interest are identified, such as education or childcare settings, they will also be contacted and provided with expert advice on any actions that are required.
* You can find the latest information on confirmed cases of Monkeypox in England [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/monkeypox-cases-confirmed-in-england-latest-updates).