

Support for school cleaning in response to Coronavirus queries

The health and wellbeing of yourself and others is the most crucial matter in our global society and the threat to our health is becoming a fast-growing concern across the world due to the recent Coronavirus outbreak (often referred to as COVID-19).

There is currently no vaccine to prevent the infection of Coronavirus, which is why it is essential that we make an effort to reduce the risk to yourselves and others around you from being infected by this virus.

Harmful bacteria can spread very easily from people's hands to your food, and to any surface or equipment such as; desks, keyboards, pens and light switches. By following some simple steps, you can help reduce the risk and do your part to protect others against the Coronavirus.

How to protect yourself, your staff and your pupils:
- Washing your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water, then by applying hand sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol content. See hand washing guidelines here .
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve, then throwing the tissue in the bin and washing your hands immediately. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it poster.
- If you feel unwell, you should stay at home and not attend any education environment or any event/area where people populate.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Frequently disinfect touched objects and surfaces.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has caught the Coronavirus.

- A dry cough
- Breathing difficulties
- A fever

You will only need to be tested for COVID-19 if in the last 14 days, you have been:

- In close contact with someone with a confirmed case of coronavirus
- To a country or region with a spread of coronavirus
- In a healthcare centre or hospital where patients with coronavirus were being treated

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or any other healthcare environment.

For further information, please go to [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).



Pupils, staff and visitors <u>must</u> wash their hands:
- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before food preparation and eating any food
- Before leaving school
- On arrival at home

How Strictly Education can help your school with the Coronavirus

At the beginning of March, we arranged cleaning contractors to start disinfecting all touchpoints in schools such as; all the doors, light switches, door handles and frames for schools with contracts managed by Strictly Education. The general school building surfaces including; desks, tables and anything in the lavatories are cleaned daily as per the contract you have with Strictly Education. Your contractor will manage their staff to ensure that this is being done correctly and thoroughly.

Schools who do not currently have a cleaning contract managed by Strictly Education may still be able to arrange a sanitising clean, but this would depend on the timescale and geographic location.

Daily cleaning will continue with our available cleaners and invoicing will remain unchanged.

If the school is closed due to a confirmed case of the virus, we will clean the school after a 'lockdown' period of at least 72 hours which means no one is to enter the premises during this time. This is to reduce the risk of the cleaning staff contracting the virus themselves.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

Our sanitising cleaning options are:

- Arrange a sanitising clean over the weekend using a product that kills influenza viruses on corridor walls below 6 ft, desks, changing and medical rooms, toilets and sports areas.
- Supply antistatic guns containing the relevant chemical for the treatment. These are designed to spray every surface and item of equipment, therefore alleviating the time it takes to carry this out manually. No one is to enter the premises 48 hours prior to this procedure.
- Arranging extra hourly paid 'deep cleaning' in schools that specify what they would like wiped down as this procedure takes considerably longer to undertake.

Prices will vary depending on your school's needs, so our highly experienced service managers and specialist contractors may arrange a visit to your school to assist.

Please note that sanitising cleaning is not the same as a deep clean. A sanitising clean will disinfect surfaces but not remove ingrained dirt or return surfaces to a level they were at when newly painted.

A sanitising or deep clean does not improve the visual representation of chairs, tables or poor wall surfaces. It is impossible to return them to a good visual standard due to the build-up of ingrained dirt over many years, without repainting or renewal of the equipment.

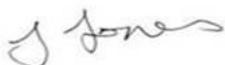
The demand for sanitising cleans in schools has risen significantly recently due to the outbreak, but we will do our absolute best to respond to any enquiries as soon as possible.

For all enquiries please contact the Premises Team.

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