

Will classrooms be provided with hand sanitiser?

If a classroom/learning space does not have hand washing facilities, then hand sanitiser will be provided. In classes where hand washing facilities are available, pupils and staff should wash their hands with soap as normal.

What about soft seating and fabrics?

There is no need to remove any of these, the treatment will work just the same on cloth/fabrics.

Do I need to be concerned about the risk of having chemicals in my building?

No. These products are safe to use and COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) assessments have been completed for all new and existing cleaning products. These are available from the school janitor if required.

Are there any specific measures required in nurseries and family centres?

For Early Learning and Childcare settings, the Care Inspectorate guidance on cleaning of play materials should be rigorously applied by Child Development Officers.



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# Updated School and Early Years cleaning procedures – Information for Staff



The regular cleaning by facilities management staff in advance of the next school day will now be supplemented with additional day cleaning to focus on cleaning commonly touched objects and surfaces; and there will also be enhanced fortnightly cleaning.

The enhanced new environmental cleaning method will now be used in facilities across the education estate. The treatment uses a liquid which is the same strength as vinegar but contains an active ingredient which attacks and kills 99.99% of all bacteria and viruses. The ingredient used disinfects the area and then breaks down into water and oxygen, ensuring it is harmless to all.

## Applying the new treatment

Large spraying devices will be used as they are the most efficient and effective way of applying these environmental products. Due to the way in which the technology operates, the product can reach into edges and corners where traditional cleaning methods can't reach. It works on hard surfaces, soft furnishings and fabrics.

## Benefits

- Uses environmentally friendly products
- Fast application – up to 4 times faster than conventional methods
- More thorough coverage, whilst using up to 65% less product
- Greater cleanliness of surfaces
- Prevention of virus outbreak (including flu and common colds)
- Touchless application – reducing cross-contamination
- All products are food safe and can be used in all food preparation areas

## Additional Information

Staff will wear masks when spraying as the product can catch on the back of the throat of some people. If you do breathe in the mist there are no risks as these products are tested as being 100% safe to use. These products comply with the required industry standards (BS EN 14476) which are used to regulate chemical disinfectant and antiseptic products.

# Frequently Asked Questions

How often will classrooms be sprayed?

There are two treatments used in the new environmental cleaning method. One product is called Ultra and the other is called Control. To begin the process, Ultra is applied. The Control and Ultra products will then be applied every 14 days on an alternate basis, or if a confirmed case of Covid-19 has been established.

When will this be done?

The Facilities Management team (Janitors and Janitor/Cleaners) will work with cleaners to prepare the building in advance of the treatment. This will be done between 3.30pm-9.30pm. Your janitor will confirm when the new environmental cleaning has been completed and will note it in the site record book.

Do I need to leave the building?

To allow the team to move around efficiently and effectively to apply the treatment it is preferable if other members of staff are not in the building whilst the treatment is carried out. There is no risk to anyone, it would just make the process easier and we would appreciate you working with us to accommodate this.

When can I return to my work area after environmental cleaning?

Spraying will be done outwith normal working hours, between 3.30pm and 9.30pm, and all surfaces will be dry within 5 to 10 minutes.

Do I need to tidy things away in advance?

A clear desk policy must be adhered to at all times and staff should ensure any equipment which has been used is wiped down and stored away appropriately.

What about my IT equipment - will I need to store it away?

No. This cleaning system is effective on keyboards and mice so leaving them out allows any bacteria to be treated.

How do I clean up in my classroom?

It is vitally important that you **do not** bring to school/ ELC any domestic cleaning products. Use of these will remove the active treatment from surfaces.

As noted above facilities management are also undertaking normal cleaning in advance of the start of the next school day. Should you wish, cleaning staff can arrange to leave some product in school/ELC which could be made available for your use. The product is a blue solution in a clearly labelled trigger spray bottle and is called **InnuScience Nu-Multi Kleen**. If you need/want to use this, the product should be sprayed on the cloth provided. Cloths should be returned to cleaning staff daily. Fresh cloths will be provided.