

COVID-19 Cleaning and disinfection – supplementary information for educational resources and equipment

For ease of reference, changes that are made to this document are highlighted in grey text

Item	Requirement	tick
General	<p>All equipment and resources are disinfected between different classes using them, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor play equipment • Educational resources including specialist curriculum equipment, for example, drama props, art equipment, cookers and equipment used in science. • Tables and chair touch points such as the backs and seats • Items used during dinner time such as trays. • Where a room is used by more than one extended group the class teacher will clean down high use touch points between use • Lift controls are wiped down before and after each use. • Increased disinfection arrangements are in place for equipment and premises touch points associated with wraparound care, premises hire or other third party use, both before and after. 	
Musical instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind instruments are cleaned and disinfected between each user and kept in a clean location when it is not in use. • Wind instruments are disinfected by the pupil playing them where possible • Other equipment and cases are disinfected between each user • The responsibility for disinfection of hire instruments (and cases) has been agreed with the supplier. 	
Cleaning play equipment and toys	Toys that are more difficult to clean have been taken out of use temporarily, for example play dough and wooden toys or these are allocated to individual children	
	Toys that are put into children's mouths are cleaned between use	
	Soft toys and dressing up items are washed after use in a washing machine at 60°C wash cycle for 10 minutes through a wash cycle or taken out of use where this is not possible.	
	Items which need specialist washing or machine washing such as rugs, cushions and mats are not used, unless they are assigned for individual use e.g. young children could be assigned their own carpet tile	
Specialist equipment	Specialist equipment such as hoists and wheelchairs are cleaned after each use.	
Laundry	Early Years setting items such as cot sheets, flannels etc are single use items and washed according to manufacturer's instructions between uses	
items that are difficult to clean – books and paperwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books are issued to pupils on a rotational basis. • Used books are set aside for 72 hours between class uses to reduce microbial load. Plastic covers are disinfected after that time, noting that these quarantine arrangements may not be possible for some activities such as marking books and therefore additional hygiene measures such as sanitisation before and after use is required 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music scores, and drama scripts follow the quarantine principles of this section in between uses by different pupils. • Books and resources that are quarantined (as above) are kept out of reach and clearly marked 	
	Where teachers handle pupils books they disinfect the surfaces that they are using both before and afterwards (as well as undertaking hand hygiene).	
	Books and posters are checked for visible soiling and disposed of where necessary	
Wooden desks and wooden work surfaces	<p>The following process is followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply disinfectant and leave for the appropriate contact time applied • Re-apply disinfectant and leave to dry naturally <p>Please note: wooden surfaces that are sealed/laminate should follow normal cleaning and disinfection arrangements</p>	
Showers	Touch points are cleaned and disinfected between each class using them	
Lockers	Lockers are cleaned and disinfected in line with the settings routine cleaning and disinfection arrangements	
Class resources	Items such as books and games, that are used and shared within the same class are cleaned regularly	
Sports equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrupulous attention is paid to cleaning and disinfecting sports equipment touch points between group uses • Non-personal kit is carefully cleaned between uses 	
Premises touch points	Particular attention is given to touch points around the setting such as gates, lift controls, hand rails, receptions, toilet facilities and touch points on transit routes during times of increased use, for example for extra curricular provision, arrival, break and leaving times.	
Computers and tablets	Learning equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant wipe prior to use	
Staff equipment	Workstations, photocopied touch points and other shared items are cleaned with disinfectant wipes prior to use.	
School transport	School transport touch points should be disinfected prior to use (including vehicle keys, vehicle controls, rails, door handles and seats).	