

Colleagues,

In this latest update on our school reopening plans I am pleased to provide details of the cleaning programme that will be in place in our schools and Early Years facilities from August.

I hope this level of information helps to reassure you about the measures being put in place to keep you and our young people as safe as possible and we will continue to provide further updates across a range of matters in the coming weeks.

### **Enhanced cleaning measures in all properties**

The Council has recruited additional staff to be able to deliver the required level of service and has invested in specialist cleaning resources which have been proven to provide safe and effective protection from COVID-19.

These measures will effectively ensure that all educational settings will be a 'sanitised bubble' and can remain so providing that staff and young people practice good hygiene, wash their hands thoroughly on a regular basis and make use of the hand sanitiser available.

We are working closely with NHS Borders' Community Infection Control Advisory Service on our cleaning arrangements and guidance for staff and pupils.

The following arrangements are all over and above the normal cleaning of schools and Early Years settings, which will be maintained.

Facilities with dedicated janitors/cleaning staff:

- Deep cleaning prior to week commencing 10 August
- Cleaning wipes available for use in every classroom as required
- Hand sanitiser dispensers
- Electrostatic 'fogging' of spaces on daily basis – effective for 48hrs, including where space in use
- Regular 'touch-point' cleaning
- Enhanced toilet area cleaning

Facilities with part-time janitor/cleaning staff (peripatetic):

- Deep cleaning prior to week commencing 10 August
- Cleaning wipes available for use in every classroom as required
- Hand sanitiser dispensers
- Twice weekly 'fogging' of spaces using automated equipment – effective for eight days, including where space in use
- Enhanced toilet area cleaning and regular 'touch-point' cleaning through use of additional staff

Please note that these arrangements are subject to change should further specific guidance be issued by the Scottish Government.

### **Staff cleaning requirements**

School staff outwith our cleaning and janitorial teams will not be required to carry out any additional cleaning. All that is asked is that staff clean their desks with the available wipes if they are moving to another classroom.

Staff communication – 28 July 2020

**Ongoing communication**

We are committed to providing you with further information and reassurance over the coming weeks on a regular basis.

Staff FAQs can be found via [www.scotborders.gov.uk/staff](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/staff) and these will continue to be updated and expanded upon ahead of 11 August.

Regards

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