

How Magic Door Education Ltd is working with the Department for Education's School's Coronavirus (Covid-19) Operational Guidance (27th August 2021)

The Department for Education has listed a system of controls which Magic Door Education Ltd is working alongside whilst we deliver our workshops within primary schools. We have taken excerpts from the DfE guidance below and outlined our response to each measure.

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

Our response: We regularly wash hands with soap and water and carry anti-viral hand foam for frequent use throughout the day. We ask that pupils participating in our workshops wash/sanitise their hands regularly.

We ask that all participants in our workshops are encouraged to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents

You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

The infection risk from a COVID-19 contaminated environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk from the virus, however, studies suggest that, in non-healthcare settings, the risk of residual infectious virus is likely to be significantly reduced after 48 hours.

In situations where someone has symptoms of COVID-19, it is advised that you store personal waste for 72 hours as an additional precaution. (PHE, Covid-19, cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home, 19th July, 2021).

Our response: In order to protect schools, we are continuing to quarantine our resources for 72 hours between use as an additional safety measure. We use a Dettol disinfectant spray on as many of our resources as possible (including the boxes they

are transported in), but some artefacts would be damaged by frequent exposure to cleaning and disinfecting solutions, so we will ensure that they are not used for a minimum of 72 hours to reduce the incidence of cross-contamination between schools.

If you have a confirmed case of Covid-19 after our visit, we would be grateful to schools to let us know so that we can take additional measures to clean and quarantine our resources.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. You should identify any poorly ventilated spaces as part of your risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas, giving particular consideration when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site, for example, school plays.

Our response: We request that the areas in which we are working, including the Hall and classroom/s, are kept well-ventilated, either through natural or mechanical ventilation.

4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Asymptomatic testing

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. That is why, whilst some measures are relaxed, others will remain, and if necessary, in response to the latest epidemiological data, we all need to be prepared to step measures up or down in future depending on local circumstances.

Our response: We will comply with the regulations detailed above to manage and minimise risk. Should we develop any symptoms associated with COVID-19, we would contact the school as soon as possible to postpone the booking until we had been tested and fulfilled a quarantine period as necessary.

The health and safety of all participants remains our highest priority and we will always work with each individual school's visitor policy to ensure safe working during our visit.

We have received both Covid-19 vaccinations and are undertaking twice weekly rapid flow tests. We request that we are able to use a toilet facility during our visit. We will bring all of our own food and drink to workshops.

This policy will be reviewed weekly and in line with any changes to the DfE guidance for schools.

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