**CLEANING GUIDANCE SUMMARY**

**NO CONFIRMED OR SYMPTOMATIC CASE OF COVID-19**

CURRENT CLEANING SYSTEM

* Advice from Public Health Agency is that Covid-19 is NOT resistant to cleaning.
* Consequently the normal system of work in relation to cleaning the building should be maintained, with cleaners paying particular attention to high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells.
* In relation to PPE, cleaners must be supplied with and use disposable gloves and aprons. Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.
* Those schools currently not part of the EA Cleaning Service should be provided with whatever assistance is required both in terms of advice, resources and cleaning products.

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ENHANCED CLEAN

* The infection risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) following contamination of the environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk. However, studies of other viruses in the same family suggest that, in most circumstances, the risk is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours.
* After this time the amount of virus contamination will have decreased substantially and an enhanced clean can be undertaken in the building.
* Once reported, the office/classroom(s) in which the symptomatic individual has been present on that particular day should be closed off and secured for 72 hours. For example if an individual is reported to be symptomatic on Friday evening, the office/classroom(s) must be closed off and secured on Monday and can be reoccupied once an enhanced clean has been completed on Tuesday.
* The enhanced clean will involve the normal system of work in relation to cleaning the office/classroom(s), but with the emphasis of the work being high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells
* Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time in (such as corridors) but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids should be cleaned in accordance with the normal system of work.
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