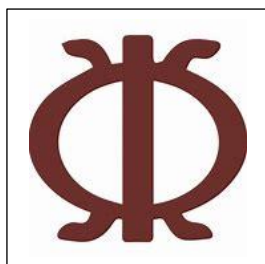


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Contextual Statement

As a school that has been recognised by Surrey LEA as 'providing for some of the counties most vulnerable children many of whom have been difficult to place' and recognised by Ofsted as 'unique' we are very aware of the importance of sanitation and the effect this has on our young people.

We work with students who have OCD including germ-phobia needs. We also have students whose immune systems are compromised. Others in our community can find some aspects of self-care difficult due to sensory processing. All our students experience heightened distress from being physically ill (vomiting) and the risk of this needs to be reduced.

Sanitation Policy – Safety Suite Policy 9E

- We take cleanliness very seriously. In science we teach the children about bacteria and viruses, and we encourage children to exercise good sanitation during their time at the school via posters and reinforcing key messages such as 'catch it, bin it, kill it' Some children need extra support with basic needs such as blowing noses, stopping hand licking and basic body hygiene. This is covered by ASDAN lifeskills programs and key targets for those children. Staff wear gloves to support in this work (Covid update: also masks, visors, aprons) We do not take children who need toileting help as our toilets are not large enough to allow for this work to be supported safely.
- The provision is cleaned regularly using hospital grade cleaning products. Resources are also cleaned regularly, and we ask staff to be vigilant and 'clean as they go' also. The cleaning company cleans for a minimum of 4 people for 2 hours at each visit and cleans daily. In addition, the staff top up the cleaning of key areas on the other days of the week as well as conducting other duties. (Covid update, Bleach can now be used when students not on site)

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- The school has a locked cleaning cupboard within the staff kitchen, and this contains all cleaning products and has COSH regulation statements. Bleach is not used in a school setting; we use hospital grade cleaners by Clinnel, Cif and other manufacturers which meet cleaning regulations.
- In the medical room there are 'emergency' packs for the cleaning of dangerous liquids such as blood and vomit, and staff have been briefed as to how to use them. In the medical room there is a specific bin for the disposal of blood, urine or spit soaked cloths.
- Girls may use the downstairs toilet (usually for staff) which has a sanitary bin. In the cupboard under the sink are a range of free to use sanitary products.
- Students are encouraged to wash hands regularly and hand gel has always been available and its used encouraged (even prior to covid). All visitors are asked to gel their hands and to remove shoes or wear shoe covers, as are the children and staff. Removal of shoes prevents germs from soil and potentially dog waste entering the main carpeted areas as well as supporting noise reduction and the hygge ethos of the setting. Students are asked to bring in slippers and/or warm socks.

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Next Review: Annually