

Utility checks and cleaning services for schools

Fire Safety

Ensure that fire safety management plans are reviewed and checked in line with operational changes.

Carry out emergency drills as normal (following social distancing as appropriate).

Schools should check:

- all fire doors are operational
- fire alarm system and emergency lights have been tested and are fully operational
- There are sufficient fire wardens on site
- carry out regular hazard spotting to identify escape route obstructions.

Water Hygiene

Cold water systems

Do not drain down systems.

Increase the frequency of outlet flushing and temperature monitoring to maintain water quality within the entire system.

If required, consider additional water quality testing at water outlets (closest and further from the main water source) and drinking water outlets that remain in use.

Hot water services

Do not drain down systems, you should continue hot water generation servicing in line with manufacturers' criteria. Water temperatures must be kept within limits recommended for the control of legionella bacteria in water systems. For reference, use the [Approved Code of Practice](#) and [HSG 274](#).

Regularly check hot water generation for functionality and if required, temperature recording.

If the hot water system has been left operational the hot water should be circulating as normal and regular checks, in line with guidance, should be carried out.

Water system stagnation can occur due to lack of use, increasing the risks of Legionnaires' disease. Advice on this can be found in the guidance on [legionella risks during the coronavirus outbreak](#).

Gas safety

Do not isolate gas supplies to boilers and hot water generation.

To avoid the risk of leaks and dangerous build-up of gases, isolate gas supplies where not in use, for example, in science labs and prep rooms, design and food technology classrooms, and school kitchens. Otherwise, gas services should remain in normal operation.

Continue planned gas safety checks including gas detection and/or interlocking.

Cleaning services for schools

The following companies can provide cleaning services for schools:

Ealing Facilities Management

Tel: 020 8825 9000. Op. 2

www.ealingfmhelpdesk@ealing.gov.uk

Extreme Environmental Services Ltd

Unit 2, Hall Farm Workshops

South Moreton

Didcot

OX11 9FD. Tel. 0844 561 2277 www.extreme-es.co.uk

Initial Washroom Hygiene

Riverbank Meadows Business Park, 1 Station Approach, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 9AB. Tel: 0800 313 4979

www.initial.co.uk