

Body Fluids

School Advice Note

1. Body fluids, including blood, vomit, saliva and excrement should be treated with care, as potentially they may be infected with harmful viruses or bacteria such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis A and B/C/D/E (known as blood borne viruses – BBVs), Tuberculosis, Polio and Diarrhoea - these are all commonly termed as Communicable Diseases.
2. Persons who decontaminate areas where there has been a spillage of body fluids must wear for the entirety of the decontamination process:
 - 2.1. Disposable apron or overall;
 - 2.2. Disposable rubber gloves and;
 - 2.3. Eye protection suitable to protect against chemical splashes;
3. They must carry “Presept” or “Sanitaire” decontamination granules/tablets and use in line with the manufacturer’s instructions. They also need disposable paper towels. The waste must be placed in a double-bagged white plastic bin bag and disposed of directly into the school final waste facility.
4. Sanitaire granules must be used when removing body fluids from carpeted areas within the school (the use of “Presept” will burn the carpet).
5. Wash hands thoroughly with hot soapy water and dry fully
6. Training in this activity is available by contacting Learning and Development Services on 7771.
7. Further advice can be found in the following publication:
 - 7.1. Southampton City Council [Safe Working Procedure – Contamination and Needlesticks Incidents](#)