**What about the risk to staff working hands-on with pupils and students who cannot adhere to strict hygiene practices?**

It is recognised that some children and young people with special educational needs present behaviours that are challenging to manage in the current context, such as spitting uncontrollably.

It will be impossible to provide the care that some children and young people need without close hands-on contact.

In these circumstances, staff need to increase their level of self-protection, such as minimising close contact and having more frequent hand-washing and other hygiene measures, and regular cleaning of surfaces. We recommend that educational settings follow the Public Health England guidance on [cleaning in non-healthcare settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings).