



Catering, Cleaning and Caretaker Staff in Schools

Thank you for your vital role in keeping pupils and staff safe in your school. UNISON understands how worrying this current situation is and we have been producing detailed guidance for you

We want to ensure that UNISON members working in catering, cleaning and caretaker roles are included in the detailed plans that schools are carrying out as they increase pupil numbers. UNISON representatives are raising the need for you to have proper protection at work including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) where required.

For catering staff, your employer needs to consider social distancing measures within kitchens if meals are being provided onsite and appropriate PPE for hygiene purposes.

Cleaners and caretakers are absolutely key in ensuring the building is safe for all staff and those employed to clean the school should be provided with the correct equipment. This will include PPE such as gloves and appropriate cleaning solutions along with instructions.

Further detailed advice can be viewed on our [website](#). The government advice on Covid-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings can also be viewed [here](#).

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your school, please speak to your local UNISON branch. We also update our schools guidance page on a regular basis, which is available [here](#).