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Testimonial

Delves Infant and Nursery School is a large, 3 from entry school in Walsall. Throughout the period of lockdown the school has remained open to the children of key workers and vulnerable families and additional cleaning regimes were implemented to prioritise the safety of children and staff. When the wider reopening of schools was announced it was clear that health and safety was a key factor for many parents when deciding whether to send their child back to school. In preparation for this return we closed the school for one week to allow for a deep clean which was conducted by our usual cleaning contractors. On returning to school prior to reopening we were pleased with the general standard of cleaning and felt reassured that all areas had been thoroughly cleaned. Given the unprecedented nature of the current situation we decided to take an additional step to provide another layer of reassurance by arranging a Forensic examination of the building.

We accompanied CopperTree Forensics as they used the CiFi torch around the commonly used areas of the school, the torch is extremely powerful and clearly highlighted areas where there were biological traces or bacteria which could not be seen by the naked eye but were easily visible with the CiFi torch. This included door push plates, the base of taps and soft furnishings. This supported our risk assessment process which had already proposed the removal of all soft furnishings.

The CiFi torch allowed remedial cleaning to be carried out as necessary and it was clear that using the torch as part of our regular cleaning routine would be a cost effective exercise allowing spot cleaning and increasing efficiency. Parents and staff feel reassured by the forensic standard service that we have been able to provide with the CiFi torch and this will remain a vital tool throughout the Covid-19 situation and beyond.

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