



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

Neath Port Talbot's approach to Education Cleaning during the COVID-19 pandemic

APSE 2021

- Overview of the Cleaning Service;
- The COVID-19 secure cleaning regime;
- Overcoming the challenges & looking forward



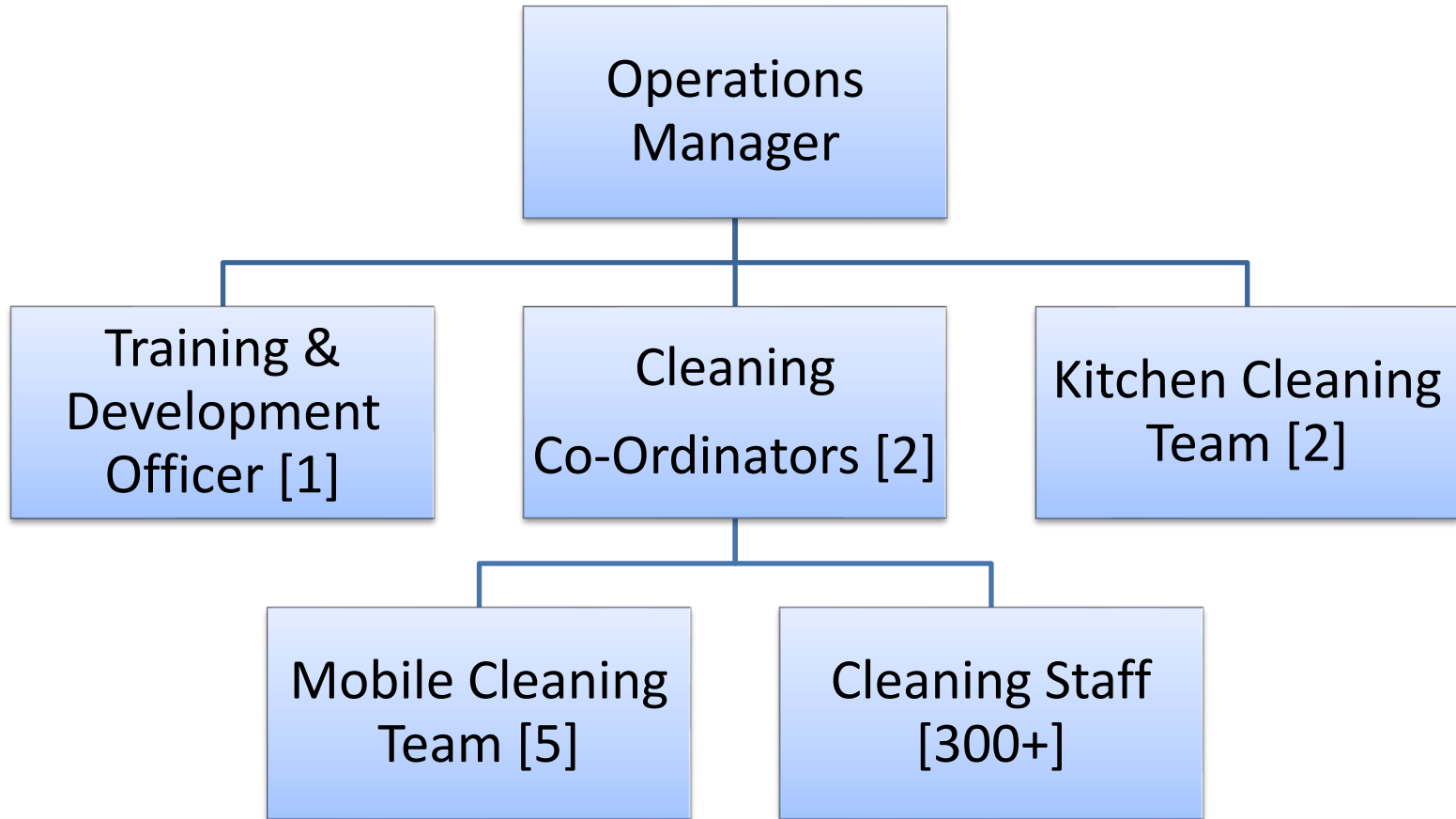
Overview of the Cleaning Service

The Cleaning Service sits under the umbrella of the Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning Directorate.

Employing 300+ staff over 70 sites providing cleaning services to Primary, Special & All-Through Schools within the county borough.

Neath Port Talbot covers 442km² cut by four valleys;

Cleaning Service Structure



Overview of the Cleaning Service

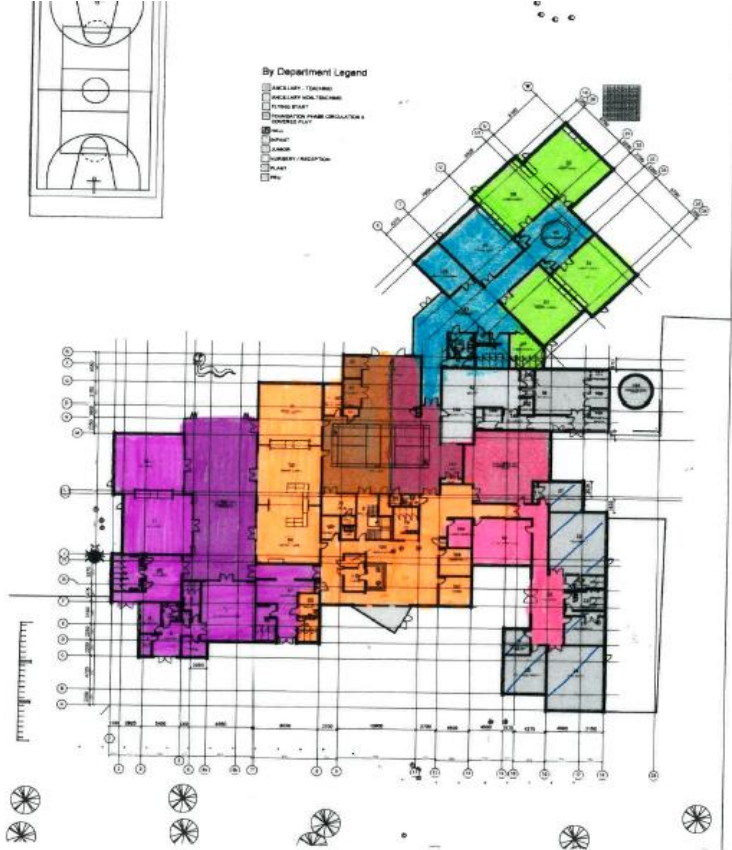
Qualified & experienced staff -

- Cleaning Co-Ordinators - electrical repairs & PAT testing
- Training & Development Officer
- Mobile Cleaning Team
- Kitchen Cleaning Team



Before COVID

- Bespoke training package – developed in 2006 following the e.coli outbreak & the subsequent investigation by Prof Hugh Pennington the Welsh Government published ‘Teach Germs a Lesson – dealing with infection control for Primary & Secondary Schools’
- Mobile team
- Colour coding of areas within schools



1. All dimensions in millimetres unless otherwise stated.

- 15 HRS
- 15 HRS
- 10 HRS
- 10 HRS + upstairs
- 8 1/4 HRS.
- 9 HRS

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- Fire Alarm
- Fire Extinguisher
- Fire Escape

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Delivering during COVID

Many schools remained open for vulnerable learners & children of critical workers.

Current training package seen as a good base on which to develop the new procedures & guidelines.

Over 1,100 school based teaching & non-teaching staff were trained



Delivering during COVID

Welsh Government Working Group –
Operational Guidelines for Cleaning During
COVID

Ozone Decontamination Project

Development of a two stage COVID-19 cleaning
procedure

Delivering during COVID

School based staff & cleaning staff are all trained in infection control to ensure a consistent approach in delivery of the two-stage COVID-19 regime

Teaching staff supporting the cleaning process

Two-stage process

- Stage 1 – clean

School based staff wiping down surfaces frequently with SCREEN disinfectant followed by school based Cleaning Staff undertaking normal cleaning duties with usual chemicals.

- Stage 2 – clean

Deep clean instigated following someone showing signs or confirmed case of COVID-19.

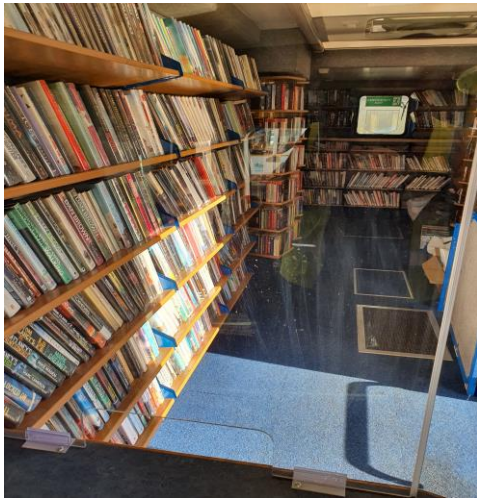
Delivering during COVID

- Additional training given to the mobile cleaning team
- To identify and train staff in remote areas to be available 24/7 should the need arise.
- Additional COVID-19 procedures were developed and issued to staff.

Overcoming Challenges

- Social distancing
 - colour coded areas;
 - additional vehicles;
- Sourcing & delivery of appropriate PPE from local suppliers as opposed to those on procurement list
- Additional sourcing of 45,000 masks for secondary school children
- Higher levels of staff shortages due to staff isolating / shielding
- Deep cleaning of our 'Immbulance'

Immbulance



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Overcoming Challenges

- Norovirus outbreak in one of our special schools
- Flooding in a the same school kitchen
https://youtu.be/ptW_YmMNA14



Overcoming Challenges

- Legal requirement to ensure equipment regularly maintained & PAT completed
- Deep cleaning of kitchens continued throughout the pandemic ensuring compliance with EHO requirements



Overcoming Challenges

- T&DO continued to deliver essential refresher training to Education Catering & Cleaning Staff
- Additional essential training delivered to 70+ Facilities Cleaning Staff [Env. Directorate]
- Safer recruitment continued throughout

Becoming more environmentally friendly

Moving towards more environmentally friendly working practices.

- Moving from diesel to electric vehicles
- Electric points
- Nordic symbol chemicals

Looking forward

- Continuing to provide support & advice to our schools including those under construction & those planned as part of our 21st Century Schools Programme.
- To be consistent in cleaning standards across education buildings ensuring a safe environment to support the wellbeing of children and young people.

Looking Forward

- To generate income by offering training to businesses & organisations in the community
- To become part of the NPT Skills Academy delivered by NPT College

Looking forward

- To further strengthen the bonds of collaboration, working with others – including the voluntary, statutory and private sectors - to benefit our citizens and communities.
- One Council approach.



Any questions?



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