

Keeping our most vulnerable pupils safe



Nexus Foundation Special School is an ambitious special school for children and young people with profound, severe and complex needs, many of whom are on the Autistic Spectrum. 'Inspiring', 'understanding', 'brave', 'enthusiastic', 'vibrant', and 'committed' are just some of the words that define and guide our daily interaction with the children. At Nexus we have high expectations for all of our pupils, striving to ensure that they all achieve their maximum potential; celebrating difference and encouraging curiosity and creativity. Our committed staff team work hard to ensure that their individual needs, interests and abilities are met and that they become resilient individuals able to make positive life choices.



In order to safeguard our most vulnerable pupils, we decided to install Airsteril units in our nursery hygiene room, and our classroom and hygiene room used by our pupils with the most severe and complex needs. The units are permanently fitted high up on the walls of each room and they draw in the air in the room into a purification chamber. The unit then cleanses the air and expels the clean air back into the room. The units use 5 techniques proven to kill up to 98.11% of bacteria and viruses. The Airsteril units are an addition to our established cleaning routines and have been very effective at neutralising odours which has always been a problem in our hygiene rooms. The location of the units means that they are unobtrusive and they don't "hum" which our pupils with autism would find very distracting. Now that our hygiene rooms are odour free, we know that the Airsteril units are doing their job.



In addition to our fixed Airsteril units, we've also purchased a mobile unit which can be deployed in any space in the school. This has been particularly useful where shared facilities, such as our hydrotherapy pool, are being used by a number of different classes each day. In the middle of the day, the pool changing rooms are closed for an hour so that the Airsteril unit can cleanse the air before being used by the next class.

The Airsteril units have not only provided us with protection from bacteria and viruses; they've also given us peace of mind.