

Pupil Task Sheet 4

School Kitchen Closed!

Hands Up
For Hygiene
in Primary School

Activity

Make sure you have read and understood the article 'School Kitchen Closed!' in the *Daily Soapbox*.

Your task is to take on the role of a member of staff at Shigella High School. You will then attend a meeting with other members of staff to discuss the latest outbreak and what you might be able to do to stop it happening again.

Roles

Headteacher:

You are the Head of a school and have just heard about the problems at Shigella High School. Having spoken with your senior staff you have decided to call a meeting to discuss your school and how you could make sure that you do not have the same problem. You want to make sure that parents feel your school is a safe place for their children.

Kitchen Assistant(s):

As a Kitchen Assistant in the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. Your job is to help with food preparation and with the clearing and cleaning of the kitchen and everything in it. Before starting you received special training and understand the importance of food safety, storage, preparation and general kitchen hygiene. You are certain that what happened at Shigella could not happen in your kitchen.

Lunchtime Supervisor(s):

As a Lunchtime Supervisor (dinner lady) in the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. You have heard about the problem at Shigella but do not see that it has anything to do with you. You are only in school for an hour each day. You always try to make sure you send the children to wash their hands but they are old enough to look after themselves. The food is the responsibility of the kitchen staff, not you.

Caretaker:

As the Caretaker in the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. You do not want your school to have the same problem as Shigella but you do not see what it has to do with you. The kitchen is the responsibility of the cook and the other kitchen staff members.

Cook:

As the Cook in the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. You are delighted that the Head is taking the problem seriously and is including you in the discussions. (S)he normally shows no interest in the kitchen and you rarely have a chance to even see (her)him. With over a decade as a school cook you are confident that a 'Shigella' could never happen in your kitchen – as long as the Head does not cut your budget any more. You must have enough funding to buy good quality food and provide healthy meals for the students.

Governor(s):

As a Governor of the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. You are pleased the Head is taking the problem of health and safety seriously. You have been worried about the school meals for some time. You want to make sure that your school does everything it can to stop the Shigella problem happening here. You must make sure the kitchen staff really understands what is needed and that there are proper policies in place.

PTA Member(s):

As a member of the PTA at the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Shigella High School. You are very pleased to be invited as you feel too often parents are not asked to take part in discussions at school. Your child has been ill after eating a school dinner and you are worried that members of the kitchen staff are not doing their jobs properly. One parent told you that some of them have never had any training in food hygiene. You want the Head to convince you the kitchen is run correctly and that all staff members have been trained properly. You want the Head to convince you that (s)he is doing everything possible to prevent a 'Shigella' happening here.