

## Pupil Task Sheet 1

### Outbreak Closes School – Again!

#### Activity

Make sure you have read and understood the article ‘**Outbreak Closes School – Again!**’ in the *Daily Soapbox*.

Your task is to take on the role of a member of staff at Eubend 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 in your school.

You should try to image yourself as the character you are playing.

- What would your character think about the outbreak and how you were involved?
- Did you do all that your role required you to do?
- Will other people try to blame you for any part of the outbreak?
- Who do you think could have done more/most to prevent it?
- What can you do as a school to stop this happening again?

It will be the role of the Headteacher to ‘chair’ the meeting but everyone should have a chance to explain their point of view. Make sure that you do not get left out of the discussion!

#### Roles:

##### Headteacher:

You are the Head of a school and have just heard about the problems at Eubend 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. Are you going to keep a record of the meeting? Who will do this for you?

##### Teacher(s):

As a Teacher in the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Eubend School. You teach all subjects and know that the children all learn about how to stay healthy. This includes being taught how and when to wash their hands – they also learn about germs and microbes in Year 5 Science. You know that tables are often not properly cleaned after lunch. The children sometimes complain about how smelly the toilets are.

##### Secretary:

You are the Secretary of the school. The Head has invited you to the meeting (s)he has called. You know that if there is a problem like the one at Eubend School you will be the first person most parents speak to. Think about what you will be asked to do, how you may help. How do you feel? What might you have to know?

##### Cleaner(s):

As a Cleaner at the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Eubend School. You think you do a very good job of keeping your school clean and don't think there is anything the Head can tell you to help you do your job any better. You are the cleaning expert. (S)he is the Head – you would not tell (her)him how to run the school. You don't think (s)he should tell you how to keep the school clean.

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# Hands Up For Hygiene

in Primary School

### **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 Eubend School. You are pleased the Head is taking the problem of health and safety seriously. You have been worried about how diseases are so easily passed on in schools. You want to make sure that your school does everything it can to stop the Eubend problem happening here. You must make sure the cleaners really understand what is needed and that there is a proper policy in place that covers this problem.

### **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 Eubend 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 twice recently and has had head lice three times during the year. You are not convinced that the school is doing everything it could to stop children passing on infections. You want the Head to convince you that the proper policy is in place and that (s)he is doing everything possible to prevent a 'Eubend' happening here. You do not want to have to take any more time off of work to look after your child.

### **Caretaker:**

As the Caretaker of the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Eubend School. You are worried that changing current policy will add to your workload. You do not want your school to have the same problem as Eubend but you have been doing things the same way for over twenty years without a problem. Why should you change now? If anyone should be doing a better job it is the cleaners.

### **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 Eubend School. You have heard about the problem at Eubend but do not see that it has anything to do with you. You are only in school for an hour each day. You always make sure you send the children to wash their hands and you make sure someone wipes the tables every day.

### **Classroom Assistant(s):**

As a Classroom Assistant at the school the Head has invited you to a meeting called to discuss possible actions to be taken following what has happened at Eubend School. You know what happened at Eubend and want to make sure it does not happen here. You are unhappy that some days after lunch you return to classrooms and tables are not clean. You also think that the children should be taught more about good health and hygiene.