

COVID-19 - NEW SCIENCE LAB SECURITY RULES

1. Pupils and teachers must wash their hands with soap (or disinfect them with the hand gel which is available in each room) before and after using the scientific equipment.
2. Pupils cannot eat or drink anything in science labs.
3. Pupils can handle food as requested in the S1 syllabus, but they cannot taste anything. Experiments in which pupils are supposed to recognize or compare flavours won't be possible for the time being. Integrated science teachers and their pupils will be able to cook for studying the scientific concepts underlying cooking, but on the purpose of limiting food waste, we recommend that you always use small quantities and prefer the demos made by the teacher.
4. The use of human materials, such as saliva, is not allowed. It is therefore necessary to avoid the preparation of slides with cells of the oral epithelium. Human cells can be observed on prepared slides.
5. Bacteria should be avoided to prepare cultures: the risk of contamination with the virus is not negligible.
6. Avoid touching the trolleys prepared for other classes and do not place your equipment on them: all trolleys and equipment are cleaned by the lab technicians, but it is impossible to guarantee sterility.
7. Remember to close the door at the end of your lesson: scientific equipment and chemicals cannot stay unattended.