



**SUBJECT: Time To Get Slimed!**

**RECIPIENTS: All LCC Maintained Schools**

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## Making SLIME

A school recently decided to make slime in the classroom, unfortunately the instruction used to make the slime included an inappropriate substance which contained potentially harmful chemicals. In addition at the end of the lesson the children were allowed to take the slime home with no information given to parents on what it contained and quality used. Unfortunately this led to a child becoming ill due to a reaction to the inappropriate substance used to make the slime.



### Simple Controls To Making Slime

Making slime within the classroom is a popular lesson and the implementation of simple planning and controls can ensure this can be a safely and be an enjoyable learning experience for pupils.

- **Planning** – ensure you have researched the instructions/lesson work plan you are using to make the slime, that its been approved and safe for use in a classroom setting and the individual substances being used are non-harmful and not unusual i.e. lens clearing solution.
- **Information** – Ensure to have the details of all the substances and qualities used to make the slime that can be given to parents or medical persons if requested. You have a risk assessment, detailing the control measures and what to do in the event of emergencies/first aid requirements i.e. a child ingests the slime.
- **Individuals** – There may be children within your class that have pre-existing medical condition i.e. eczema, which may be trigger by using the slime, consider what additional controls you may have to implement for these children i.e. gloves.
- **Control & Disposal** – During the making of the slime ensure that access/use to the substances is controlled and at the end of the lesson you gathered all the substances and slime back (you may wish to weigh/count the amount of slime given to the child and weigh/count the amount handed back to ensure all is returned), stored correctly/securely or disposed of appropriately.

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