

What is a Fogging Machine?

I had no idea what one was until the Nursery I also work for started looking into ways that they could open safely following the first lockdown and I was asked if we could afford one to help keep the building clean and safe for everyone and it has definitely paid for itself several times.

A 'Fogger' doesn't negate the need for you to wipe down high contact points or replace your normal cleaning routine, but it does mean that you can quickly and easily disinfectant a whole room and feel reassured that you have taking steps to minimise the risk of contamination for the next group to use the area. This will be essential when our buildings become more active again and several groups are using a space during the day.

So, what does it look like.... Something between Noo Noo the vacuum cleaner on Teletubbies and the Ghostbusters Proton Pack. You fill your Fogger - ours has a 3ltr tank, with a diluted disinfectant solution of your choice We use Fabulosa as it doesn't leave a clinical smell and leaves the room smelling fresh and fragrant whilst still being antibacterial.... and then you hitch the Fogger onto your shoulder, mask up and starting from the farthest point of the empty room you turn the Fogger on and start spraying, directing the disinfectant up and around the room whilst walking backwards towards the room exit. Our Fogger has an effective spray range of between 5-7 meters. You will then need to leave the room unoccupied for at least an hour for the disinfectant to settle – we have a sign for the door showing when the room was last fogged so everyone is aware. All surfaces can be Fogged, including paper, soft furnishings and electrical equipment but be aware that the disinfectant may leave a slight opaque residue on glass/screens.

We decided to pay a little extra and buy a rechargeable Fogger (£500) so that we are not having to keep moving the plug when fogging large areas like the hall or worship space – a full charge will provide 1 hour of constant fogging but to be fair it only takes less than 5 minutes to completely fog our worship space. There are lots of different models on the market now at different prices and despite a lot of research that makes you even more confused we went with a local company in Barnsley (www.osbornetechnologies.co.uk) who supplied Nursery and they were very helpful with my many questions and their efficient response when there was an issue with the Fogger at Nursery was excellent.

Hope this has explained a little more about **What is a Fogging Machine** but any more questions just give me a ring.