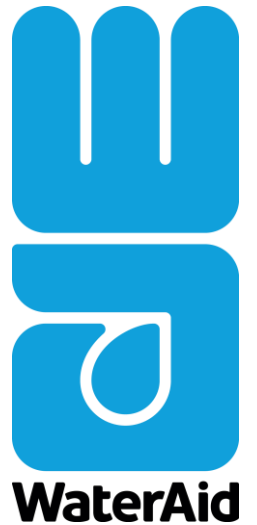


# Global Handwashing Day

Germ craft activity: Key Stages 1 and 2



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# Germ craft poster activity

## **Aim of activity:**

This activity is an excellent way for students to understand what germs do, how they spread, and how we can get rid of them with good hand hygiene.

This visual representation of germs can make students more aware of the fact that we can't see germs and need to wash our hands even when they look or feel clean.

## **Note:**

Students can do this activity in pairs or individually depending on access to materials and time available.

Students can help each other by drawing around each others hands if you want to encourage team collaboration.

Collect images of germs from the internet to show the students.



# Materials

Card

Pipe cleaners

Pencils

Wiggley eyes

Glue

Scissors

Pictures of germs



# Before the activity

1. Before you begin, ask the students to look at their hands and show each other where the germs are. Remind them that although germs may be on our hands, we cannot see them. Highlight that germs will hide in creases in our skin, between our fingers and under our nails as these places are harder to clean.
2. Show a few images of germs from the internet and explain that these have been magnified with a microscope so that we can see them. Get the students to describe how they look.
3. Ask the students why germs can be harmful to us.
4. Ask what they think we need to do to get rid of the germs hiding on our hands? (wash our hands thoroughly with soap and water)
5. Ask the students when they think they should wash their hands. Answers might include before eating, after going to the toilet, when they get inside from outdoors and so on.
6. Explain that they will be creating germ craft posters to remind themselves and others that germs may be hiding on our hands so we should wash them regularly.

# Activity instructions

## Step 1:

Draw round hands on the card.

## Step 2:

Draw and cut out different fun shapes using coloured paper or colour the shapes. Try to use colours that will stand out against the colour that was used for the hands. Display the images of germs to remind the students what they look like.

## Step 3:

Glue the shapes onto the hands in places where germs might be hiding. Ask them to think back to the discussion at the start of the activity.

## Step 4:

Glue or draw eyes onto the shapes and cut pipe cleaners to use for mouth shapes or other parts of the germs. If you don't have pipe cleaners these can be drawn on.



# After the activity

Once all the groups have finished, ask each group to present their germ craft posters to the rest of the class.

Ask each group:

- **What** they like about their germ craft posters.
- **How** they think the activity has made them more aware of germs even though we cannot see them.
- **Where** they would like to display their posters to show everyone the hidden germs on our hands and remind us to wash them thoroughly.





**Clean water.  
Decent toilets.  
Good hygiene.**