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To: **Special Educational Needs School staff**

Dear

New fast spreading Covid ‘Omicron’ variant: vaccine protects

You’ll have seen that the new Covid ‘Omicron’ variant is spreading very fast. H&F currently has a very **high infection rate**, and amongst the **lowest vaccination coverage** in London (only 62% of people have had their first dose).

You work in settings with extremely high risk children. Without a vaccine, you’re placing yourselves and those children **at risk of catching infection and getting seriously ill**. In care homes, vaccination has already become mandatory for all care home staff. It’s important to prevent the spread Covid by **getting vaccinated**, for your sake, and that of the vulnerable children you care for.

- If you are under specialist care and have a medical exemption, please let your manager know.
- If you’re unsure and would like to talk with the council’s friendly occupational health team, please email anne.donovan-hill@lbhf.gov.uk or call 0208 753 2662.

Please take up the vaccine

You can easily book into any of our **ten pharmacies, two local hospital sites, or local pop ups**. See our webpage for details [Covid-19 vaccine | LBHF](#).

By remaining unvaccinated, you are posing a risk to vulnerable children. Please consider this urgently with the start of the new term.

Yours sincerely,



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