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To: Headteachers in Hammersmith and Fulham

Dear Headteachers,

Ventilation in schools: offer of help from H&F Health and Safety team

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and hard work during the pandemic. As restrictions ease, we wanted to offer some help from our council's health and safety team around ventilation (to council-maintained schools).

Good ventilation disperses the Covid virus particles, lowering the chance of catching infection, making your schools safer to learn and work in.

You'll have seen the offer from the Government, offering Carbon Dioxide Monitors last October. Hopefully some of you will have been taking readings and sending them through to our Corporate health and safety team, to help you decide which rooms need better ventilation.

You may have already submitted those results and made a bid for a Government air purifier. There's also a national marketplace for schools to purchase additional purifiers. The local authority's health and safety team have already provided links to guidance both on the purifiers and more general ventilation guidance.

Good ventilation is absolutely crucial in the fight against Covid, and a great way to minimise staff absence and keep children in school.

If you'd like more help with CO₂ readings, or improving your school's ventilation, please do ask corporatehealthandsafety@lbhf.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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