

Dear Head Teacher

Re Covid - 19 measures for the autumn term

I am / We are writing to support the letter sent to you by my/our Union GMB regarding their proposed measures to keep staff and students safe in schools from September.

I am / We are aware that full guidance from DfE and Government has not yet been published for the autumn term but would like to make you aware that we support the use of CO2 monitors in classrooms and would appreciate it if you would consider purchasing these for our school.

The Health and Safety Executive advises that, while CO2 levels are not a direct measure of possible exposure to Covid-19, using a monitor can help identify poorly ventilated areas and advises that classrooms are well suited to this type of monitoring. The use of CO2 monitors can provide a useful general indication that areas or rooms within a building may not be adequately ventilated. Use of these monitors enables staff to become familiar with the impact that activities, outdoor weather, and window openings have on levels of good ventilation within a room and this information is useful in developing strategies for improving ventilation.

GMB is campaigning for Government to financially support schools and fund the purchase of CO2 monitors and where necessary air filtration devices but I/we hope you will take this step to ensure good ventilation which is now widely accepted can reduce airborne risks.

I/we look forward to your response

Yours