



# Clean Air

Dear (insert name)

Thank you for taking time to read and to consider the points in this letter and for your dedicated work in running your school through these challenging years.

My name is (insert your name) and I have (number of) children, (names), at school here. I am writing from a personal perspective as (relate personal circumstance)

Our family's concern is that without sufficient safety measures we will continue to be at considerable risk. I am sure you take school safety seriously and I would ask to request a meeting regarding this issue?

The risk of Long Covid & complications in Clinically Vulnerable families is significant. Recent studies have shown that 1 in 10 infections result in Long Covid, including in children. There are 1 million who are CV in the UK. No child or staff member should have to go through the debilitating effects of a post-acute viral illness which can be prevented.

Long Covid can last for years and have consequences for a lifetime. The effect on a young person's schooling and ability to make the most of their potential can be seriously hampered due to the physical and cognitive effects of this illness.

There is one area that could make a considerable difference in helping children and families avoid this risk and that is Ventilation & Clean Air - CO2 monitors and HEPA filters.

Ireland, Spain, Germany, Italy, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Latvia, Canada, US & Scotland are all funding and placing CO2 monitors and HEPA in schools. It is time that the UK follows suit yet without public funding I am aware this is difficult. Yet there are no downsides to clean air, there is:

- Higher attendance
- Better cognitive performance
- Higher test results
- Less allergies & asthma
- Future proofing
- Equity & accessibility
- Financial savings

Yet with some creativity & focus this could be possible. Some initial ideas could be initiating communal action, individual school fundraising via PTAs and public & council donations to install these safety measures.

I have a link to a referenced [one-stop help](#) doc from Long Covid Advocacy that hopefully can assist you. A first step could be to look at the info that the [SAMHE](#) project run by Cambridge and other leading Universities?

I look forward to hearing from you and working together to make the school a better place for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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