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Doing business as the Principal

School

name

00 Address, Town/City

Dear Principal

I hope you are keeping well especially in these unprecedented times we find ourselves in.

I am writing to you with regard to the issue of face coverings in schools and with particular regard to the schools' inevitable policy.

I note that paragraph 92 of the Governments Covid 19 Response Spring 2021 (1) states it recommends face coverings with post primary education. It is, therefore, a matter for the school to decide whether to mandate their use or not.

Studies into the efficacy of face coverings have thus far proved inconclusive, particularly with regard to the transmission of Covid 19/Coronavirus (2). In fact, some studies suggest that prolonged face mask use can cause harm (3). Therefore, mandating face coverings in the absence of reliable evidence, but with knowledge that they may in fact cause injury, will potentially lead to claims for damages against the school.

In any event, please note that should the school mandate face coverings, my children are exempt (4) and are not required to provide explanation or evidence as to the reasons for their exemption. I will consider any questioning of my children or enforcement of any face covering policy to be discriminatory.

I hope you understand my concerns. I do not wish to appear adversarial, but I am genuinely concerned about the unintended consequences of prolonged face covering use. Children have frankly suffered enough, and face coverings will only serve to inhibit learning, induce fear, and may in fact cause injury. To quote Boris Johnson himself, they are nonsensical. (5)

I would also like your evidence of how many Track & Trace cases were linked to school kids and how many cases resulted in hospitalisation and or death? I trust you have been supplied this evidence by the Education Authority.

Can you also provide evidence as to how many kids transmit or carry Covid 19? I'm assuming this has been sent to you by the Education Authority in order for you to fulfil your Duty of Care to all Children and their families.

For your reference as a Principle:

Principals/Head Teachers - "They have a moral and ethical duty not to cause, or fail to prevent, physical or psychological injury...Head Teachers/Principals also have a common law duty of care 'in loco parentis' for their pupils (Latin for 'in the place of a

parent'). This duty of care requires a Head Teacher to do all that is reasonably possible to protect the health, safety and welfare of the pupils within their school."

The risks to children's health (aged 4 - 18) the harms, potential harms of wearing face coverings/masks including, but not limited to, hypoxia (decrease in oxygen) and increases CO2 leading to hypercapnia & respiratory acidosis and these conditions from wearing masks/face coverings are well documented in medical & scientific literature for adults.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000: -

1. "Does a medical risk assessment on the mandated wearing of face coverings for children and young people (13 years old - 18 years old) in classrooms of [insert the name of the school]- exist? Please answer YES or NO only. If YES please supply the full document.

2. Does a Risk- Benefit Analysis for children wearing face coverings within classrooms and the school - exist? Please answer YES or NO only. If YES please supply the full document

I have a few concerns surrounding The Lateral Flow Testing, can you answer the following questions:-

3. Who is the manufacturer(s) of the Lateral Flow tests proposed to be used within NI post primary schools?

4. The complete ingredient list for the proposed Lateral Flow test.

5. Please confirm or deny if the swab of a Lateral Flow has been exposed to ethylene oxide - a known human cancer-causing agent - World Health Organisation's International Agency on the Research of Cancer?

6. The name of the living man or woman and/or organisation who will be taking on the full financial and medical liability for any aspect of the COVID-19 medical procedure (swab of) Lateral flow tests & RT PCR testing including, but not limited to, any harms, potential harms, injury, illness, loss and damages to my child and/or family. This includes, but is not limited to, the medical instrument(s) used, the way the test sample was taken, tested, or handled, and any information or service I & my child & family receive as part of a COVID-19 test and result.

7. Full disclosure of risks of harm and potential harms; the effect of my child's individual clinical & non clinical circumstances on the probability of a benefit or harm occurring, risks of harm and potential benefits that I would consider significant for any reason; any risk of serious harm, however unlikely it is to occur; and expected harms, including common and rare side effects and what to do if they occur in accordance to Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board (2015) and the General Medical Council GMC's guidance "Decision making and consent" (2020)

I look forward to hearing back from you and thank you in advance for your time on this important matter.

Kindest regards
(Parent)
Of (child)

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3. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7207073/>
4. <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-information-public>
5. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-politics-53921151>
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