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Dear Hammersmith and Fulham primary school parents and carers,

You will be watching all the news coverage of COVID 19, and we know some of you might be worried about sending your children back to school.

**Here is what we know so far about COVID**

- Children tend not to be the first case in an outbreak (it is rare that they 'start' an outbreak)
- Children are more likely to catch COVID from adults they spend time with (their family)
- Children aren't thought to be super spreaders (carrying infection without being affected, and then spreading it to others)
- Younger children are less likely to spread infection than older ones
- If children do catch COVID, they tend to have a mild illness (the inflammatory syndrome you may have seen reported is very rare)
- H&F has had only a very small number of cases in children aged under 15 years: fewer than 10 cases in children out of a total of 674 cases so far (1%).

**What you can do**

- Keep teaching your children about **hand hygiene and social distancing**
- Take your children for their **routine childhood immunisations at the GP** (GP surgeries are safe and vaccines are free – call your practice for an appointment and make sure your children are up to date)
- Speak to your GP or school nurse if you are worried about your child or if they have underlying medical conditions

Best wishes



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