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Dear Mr Halfon

Publication of research relating to the opening of schools

Thank you for your letter of 14 August on behalf of the Education Select Committee, concerning PHE's research into COVID-19 transmission rates among school children.

Public Health England published SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission in educational settings: cross-sectional analysis of clusters and outbreaks in England, on 23 August.

The analysis detected 67 individual cases and 30 outbreaks among students and staff after schools reopened in June 2020.

They reviewed COVID-19 cases, clusters and outbreaks reported daily across all educational settings in England until the end of July 2020.

A copy of the report, is available from the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sars-cov-2-infection-and-transmission-in-educational-settings>

I hope you have found this response helpful.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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cc Professor Viv Bennett, Chief Nurse, PHE