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## Come on Boris!

On Wednesday Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister, told schools in England to end mask-wearing policy. Yet the UK Health Security Agency says that the latest data indicates that Primary Schools have peaked at 41% increase of Covid cases in a week at nearly 2% per 100,000 five-to nine-year-olds.

Come on Boris, you may have been taught in small classes in large rooms but the majority are not. Are you using children as political pawns? Or are you just simply trying to divert attention away from the hiatus of what has happened at Number 10, under your watch?

Give schools back their understanding and so management of local Covid infection rates and let schools work with the health community to combat this dreadful virus, whether it is Delta or Omicron. Even the Department for Education acknowledged a local approach with its advice to parents this week. I quote 'Your nursery, school or college might advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt)'.

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