## Department for Education information for ACTION 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022:

## An update on CO2 monitors and air cleaning units for statefunded education settings

Good ventilation in education settings remains important, both for managing the transmission of airborne illnesses like Covid or flu, as well as aiding concentration and alertness.

Last year, we provided CO2 monitors for 50% of teaching spaces in statefunded education settings, and we know that settings have found the monitors helpful to manage ventilation.

We will now be providing additional CO2 monitors to these settings for the remaining 50% of classrooms, to help balance ventilation with energy costs. Deliveries will start on Monday 28 November, and you will receive notification in advance to confirm the date of delivery.

Further education and a small number of early years settings, namely eligible childminders, will be contacted separately with more information on how to receive additional monitors. Please view the <a href="https://example.com/how-to-guide">how-to-guide</a> on using your CO2 monitors.

We are also reopening our programme for Department for Education funded air cleaning units, following positive feedback on the previous scheme. These are for use in classrooms where it is not possible to maintain adequate ventilation and where CO2 levels are consistently over 1500ppm. Air cleaning units can help reduce airborne contaminants while remedial work is undertaken. Applications open from today. We are also providing guides on how to apply and on how to use an air cleaning unit.