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Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Ymchwiliad i effaith argyfwng Covid-19 ar blant  
a phobl ifanc yng Nghymru

COV 99  
Ymateb gan: Unigolyn

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Welsh Parliament  
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on  
children and young people in Wales

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Response from: Individual

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Although I expected some children to return I was shocked all were returning on 29th. Priority to Years 6,10+12 should be given however with all children returning the attention to these pupils will now be minimised.

I see no benefit to all children retuning at this time. The initial reaction from children in seeing their friends and teachers will be pleasing however I fear the measures in place will harm children's wellbeing and mental health. School will be seen as an institution that has to be obeyed in fear of catching the virus, teaching will return to a more victorian style and learning through play, collaboration and fun will be replaced with monotonous, repetitive lessons.

Children I believe are individual and the distancing measures will stifle this. Also school resources are often stretched how will schools cope with not enough textbooks, rubbers or i-pads??

I feel these 4 weeks are just a test run to see if schools can cope with the pressures and differences that have to now be implemented. I just feel that the voices of parents and teachers have not been heeded. Teachers have done a fantastic job in helping children maintain their education I feel for them especially the ones that teach the younger ones. How can they get close to help, to teach to reassure them.

If you feel that some of these points are not relevant as the children are only there for 4 weeks then ask yourself why are you reopening for all at this time?

One last point as I could say more. I am concerned about the safety of the children but when these children return home Mam, Dad, Grandad and Grandma will be much more at risk.