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

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

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Response from: Individual

Hi, following a post asking people to contact the senedd regarding the impact covid 19 has had on children in education I email today to add my views. As a full-time university student and mother of two school aged children I'm really concerned that any more impact to education in September will be to the detriment of our children's mental health and wellbeing. My eldest child, 6 has become withdrawn and has not engaged well with remote learning at all, she loves school and social interaction and this has been severely missed during the pandemic. My youngest will be starting full-time school and I worry that any phased return will impact her education hugely as she has missed half a year's nursery as it is, usually going into reception after nursery children have the basics of reading and writing, and due to the pandemic she will not have these, any further delay will put her behind more. As a university student I worry hugely that any more remote learning will impact my grades as I struggled to complete work at home to deadline whilst home educating and also trying to work part time as a key worker. Being unable to access library's and resources meant that my research was severely limited, and my grades for the second semester were much lower than the grades I achieved whilst attending university in the 1st semester. I would strongly appose any further absence of education as our children are in need of social interaction and their education. Schools are already implementing good hand hygiene. Children need to be back full time and social distancing be lessened in order to get all pupils back in the classroom.

Thank you, XXXXXX XXXXXX.