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

COV 148 Ymateb gan: Unigolyn Welsh Parliament Children, Young People and Education Committee

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

COV 148 Response from: Individual

I write in regards to the possibility that September schools may continue to home school or blended learn. As a parent I have seen the adverse effects that this type of learning has had on my children alongside the isolation of lockdown they have become uninterested, and have learned nothing new since march. They are withdrawn and anxious and they need some normality. In my opinion this type of education just does not work. Children need to be in school face to face with teachers engaging in their learning. I understand the need we had to stay home but this has gone on too long and our children are suffering. I worry also about children that do not have access to Internet or technology or have poor home life, without schooling these children will be at risk. Any more disruption to childrens education will start to have long term effects, if this is not already. Schools, like shops and work places can limit the risk, using good hygiene techniques and hand washing frequently. Teachers are best placed to instill this in children. Children need to be back to normal, definitely back to school full time and we must start managing risk instead of hiding from it. Thank you, XXXX XXXXXXXX.