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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

I am writing as a concerned parent of children in Wales.

Please could somebody answer where my children are going to go when I have to go back to work? There is no option for me to work from home. I have three children ranging from three to 11 and nobody is telling me what the plans are for September..I am sure as more parents go back to work and are no longer furloughed thousands of working parents across Wales will face the same dilemma. 30 free hour childcare scheme has been stopped pending review this will already mean our childcare is 300 pounds extra a month. Are working mums being intentionally pushed from the workplace? How can we plan for reasonable childcare when we have no idea what school will look like... even if we could will childcare providers be open....and who might I ask will be paying the additional childcare? We have all pulled together during the crisis but asking people to work from home while homeschooling is no longer sustainable. Our children's mental and physical health is suffering (as well as parents). One of my children's school has written to me saying a blended learning approach will be in place for the next year. What do Welsh govt know that had influenced this?. Many parents believe that school will be back to normal in September ... there will be a real problem when they realise that they could lose their houses and jobs as a result of children not being in school? I repeat this current situation is NOT sustainable for families across Wales. I haven't even gone into the social physical emotional effects on my own children as I am sure many others will cover this. Hope this helps!

Ps The numbers affected by Covid is no longer proportionate to the actions being taken by Welsh government.

A concerned parent.