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

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In my experience the impact of covid-19 on children has been extremely damaging.

Many children have spent endless hours on a screen/iPad/Xbox whilst their parents work. They may feel that they are not considered to be important.

It is not possible to teach children any of the work set by the school whilst working. I have a year 3 and year 6 child. The school posts a weekly pdf of suggested activities. It would be lovely to spend the time with them but it's not a possibility for working parents.

It's been very difficult for children that live in single parent households where their parent works and those with limited or no outdoor space.

Now that lockdown is starting to ease, it appears to them that they are at the bottom of a long list of priorities. It is very difficult to explain to a child why the government thinks it's safe to mix with another household and shop in John Lewis! But that they cannot go and play at their local park. And that their school is only open to them 4 hours a week for 3 weeks. They will have missed 67 days of education.

I believe strongly that schools should be fully opened in September at the very latest with no social distancing. The risk to children is extremely low. I am far more concerned about my sons being hurt in a road accident.