## Covid-19 survey on the reopening of schools





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Widespread concerns are being expressed by parents and teachers in relation to the reopening of schools during the current COVID-19 pandemic. This survey was created to identify what the most significant concerns are, and which provisions will help people feel it is safe to return to school. We also included questions that could aid understanding of how the pandemic may have altered people's attitudes to our education system. Between April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2020, 790 people responded to the survey.

**50**%

put the possibility of their child catching Covid-19 as their no.1 concern when schools reopen

## mental health support, testing & contact tracing, & a vaccine

were seen as the most important options to support the return to school

32%

rated the need for mental health support as a no.1 or no.2 concern when schools reopen

37%

are concerned about missed transition preparations, reflecting expectations that current year 6 pupils will struggle more than other years to return 67%

of those who work in a school are extremely worried about returning to work (rating it 5 on a scale of 1 – 5) 37%

expect their child will definitely struggle to return to school, while another 18% expect their child will be anxious to begin with

18%

are concerned about threatened punishments on return for work not completed during the lockdown 84%

would like to see the new online resources made permanently available **5%** of respondents said they home educated before lockdown, however

**23%** said the

intend to home educate after lockdown ends

90%

would like to see a broader range of educational provision on offer

## flexibility

was the predominant request for the future — with flexi-schooling, community learning hubs, online school, home education and a more flexible attitude in schools and academies **73**%

would like to see radical reform to the education system, with **23%** hoping for small improvements