



Safety First and the Reopening of Schools – 10 August 2020

Appendix B - A Selection of Members Comments

“I feel that the safety of staff and students has been trivialised, since the only risk assessment I was invited to do, was immediately ignored”

“I am suffering severe anxiety at returning to school after shielding. The aspiration for fulltime education is being put ahead of health and safety. People can't crowd in pubs but they can crowd in school and adults will be the victims”.

“I am very anxious about returning to school. Especially given the 'strict' rules that we are all supposed to be adhering to on a day-to-day basis. These do not seem to be apply in the same way in a school setting”.

“I feel pupils should be made to wear face coverings, as they would if they went indoors in any other building right now, why is a school different?”

“I have completed a risk assessment for my underlying health condition and came out as moderate risk. I forwarded this back to my business manager but no further discussion has been arranged”.

“I will not find out measures until I am back in school1 day before the pupils!! This I believe is disgraceful. The pressure and workload of appeals, preparation for lessons, health and safety with one in-service day to prepare is shocking”.

“I am very stressed at the thought of returning to school. Our school is well over capacity so trying to maintain any distancing between staff and pupils will be almost impossible. With full classrooms it will also be extremely difficult”.

“I am not in the least confident that my workplace will be safe and I have grave reservations about being forced to work in a non 'covid-secure workplace'. I feel as though I will be put at sustained risk throughout the working day”.

“I strongly predict that my school, after a week or so, will simply carry on as usual with minimal attention paid to COVID-19 prevention measures”.

“Still feel there are too many unanswered questions. I feel that it is imperative that schools send pupils who do not respond to guidelines home! We need a ZERO TOLERANCE approach!”

“As part of a vulnerable group, I feel that my school/council are not taking my concerns seriously or doing enough to support people in vulnerable groups. I feel hugely anxious about returning to the workplace, which isn't helped by the fact that there doesn't seem to be many safeguards in place to protect staff or pupils”.