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says yet again that “Schools are safe”, because children are at low risk of serious disease.

With current v high disease prevalence (maybe 1 in 20 or 30 in #London ,#1in50 elsewhere) MORE children will catch #coronavirus & MORE children will become very ill. 1/8■

In itself that's not good. There are some v sick kids around the country right now & because they often present differently they may not be diagnosed so quickly. Often with gastrointestinal & joint symptoms & odd rashes. Parents & educators may not be aware of this. 2/8

Families, especially those in large multigenerational or BAME households are already at increased risk of severe #COVID19.

#Teachers & #earlyyears staff in JAN 21 STILL have virtually no #PPE. There will be many over 50s & others who are CV/CEV. This is not good. 3/8

The families of <18s are at increased risk. We know that.

I'll keep showing this ■because Gvmt keep ignoring it.

And the lack of adequate & appropriate #PPE puts all staff in these settings AND their families at increased risk.

This is not good. 4/8

- This is based on data up to the 2nd December 2020
- This analysis shows that children and young people are more likely to bring the virus into the household than those aged 17+. They are also less likely to catch the virus within the household. This is consistent with previous analysis of household transmission (14 October).
- **External exposure** shows how likely someone is to be the first case in their household. Young people (aged 2-16) are much more likely than those aged 17+ to be the first case in their household. In particular, those aged 12 to 16 are nearly 7 times as likely to be the first case in their household, compared to those 17+.
- **Transmissibility** shows how likely someone is to pass the virus on within the household, if they are the first positive case. The analysis shows that 2 – 16 year olds are more than twice as likely to pass on the virus within their household compared to people aged 17+.
- **Susceptibility** shows how likely someone is to catch the virus, if someone else in their household has brought it in. Children aged 16 or under are less likely to get the virus from someone within their household compared to people aged 17+.

So the “Schools are safe” mantra which is repeated over & over again can ONLY be based on the risk to children of severe disease VS the risk of them missing school.

NOTHING OR NO ONE ELSE.

In the midst of a deadly pandemic this is as bizarre as it is callous & ignorant. 5/8

This #CovidVariant is spreading like wildfire.

SCHOOLS ARE NOT SAFE because they're full of ppl mixing indoors.

#COVIDisAirborne

It is not rocket science!

Only children who HAVE to be there should be. Numbers should be very low.

Staff CAN wear ■s. Children CAN wear ■s. 6/8

In the absence of safe advice from [@10DowningStreet](#) & [@educationgovuk](#), school leaders, #earlyyears leaders & councils MUST put more measures in place to protect everyone involved NOW.

This is not a rehearsal, EVERY DAY of so many interactions will cause more illness & death. 7/8

#COVIDisAirborne. We MUST act accordingly. Anything less would be GROSS NEGLIGENCE! End

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