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THREAD

1. Dear Primary, Secondary, Further ed and Higher ed colleagues,

Many of you may have experienced working with our youngest children- but as the "foundation stage" the work that happens in these early years will be of great importance to you....

2. Right now whichever phase we work in- whether it is a baby room or a university- it is fair to say that we are all working flat out to do the very best for those we work with. But in this thread I wanted to share with you some of the mess that our sector finds itself in...

3. Firstly- whilst most schools and educational establishments are closed to most students, and whilst we battle with Zoom, teams, google classroom and as lateral flow testing starts to be rolled out- the picture in the sector working with our youngest children is very different.

4. This is the first real piece of mainstream media attention we have seen.
*Cases are rising.
*Staff are not on immunisation plan
*No lateral flow testing on site.
...and if they close to protect staff/children- they may never reopen.

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5. Now imagaine within your own sector- imagine if you were told there would be a new statutory test coming into force from September 2021. A test that would take you away from your pupils before you've got to know them. A test that won't be for your benefit- or even theirs.

6. A test that tests narrow areas of learning including content you wouldn't even expect them to know at their age. A test that is costing £11 million- whilst children go hungry and don't have the tech they needed during lockdown. A test that has been

proven to be flawed.

7. Now imagine that from Sept 21 your complete ed framework has been rewritten including assessment procedures and what you're expected to teach.

You've had no CPD. No time to really plan for these major changes- you've just been trying to get through teaching in a pandemic.

8. And also add in that much of the reform is inappropriate for your students and is steering you down a road you know is not what they need.
It wasn't right before the pandemic or during it.
It definitely won't be right after it.

9. Workload? Mental health? Well being?

Well this is the world of Early Years right now.

You might not work in Early Years.
You might not know much about it.
But right now- we need you to stand up with us
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