Education

Government's wider reopening of schools is disappointing

GMB is 'disappointed' the Government is ploughing ahead with plans to open schools more widely on June 1 – despite independent advice against the move.

Karen Leonard, GMB National Officer, said:

"GMB is committed to working with the Government, and employers to ensure schools can open more widely with safe systems of work in place.

"However, we firmly believe schools should only increase numbers when it is safe to do so for pupils, parents and staff.

“Any plans need to address a range of issues including the provision of PPE; testing and tracing; isolation and social distancing.

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Karen Leonard, GMB National Officer

“Today’s Independent SAGE report clearly demonstrates that moving to reopening schools more widely from June 15 will dramatically reduce the overall risk of increased Covid-19 cases.

“GMB is disappointed the Government has decided to plough ahead and allow schools to open more widely from Monday.

“GMB will back our members and challenge employers if they attempt to open schools without consulting our members, assessing the risks from re-opening, or implementing measures to reduce the risks and address worker concerns.”

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