

Parental Views and Probable Uptake of Places

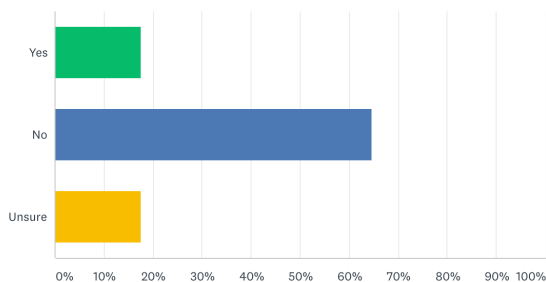
On May 15th we undertook a survey of all parents in the years which had been highlighted for a possible return on June 1st. The survey was accompanied by a copy of the school newsletter which provided information about a possible phased re-opening on June 1st, and included information which was considered would help parents to make informed choices when completing the survey

The survey was a short one with only two questions. The results of this survey are shown below.

Question 1 - Based upon the information provided by the school and any other sources you use, would you intend to send your child to Alverton School as part of a phased re-opening on June 1st if that were an option?

Responses

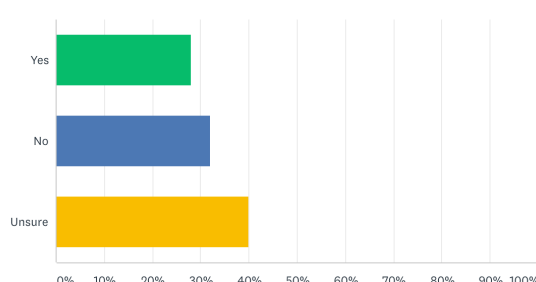
Nursery Parents



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	17.65%	3
▼ No	64.71%	11
▼ Unsure	17.65%	3
TOTAL		17

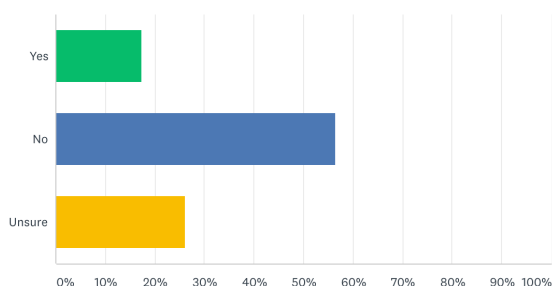
Reception Parents (25/40)

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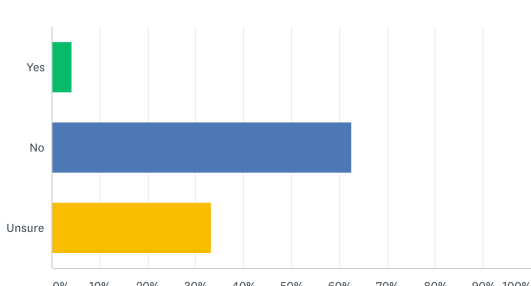
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	28.00%	7
▼ No	32.00%	8
▼ Unsure	40.00%	10
TOTAL		25

Y1 Parents (23/40)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	17.39%	4
▼ No	56.52%	13
▼ Unsure	26.09%	6
TOTAL		23

Y6 Parents (24/42)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	4.17%	1
▼ No	62.50%	15
▼ Unsure	33.33%	8
TOTAL		24

All Comments made by parents to Question 1

Nursery

- So far my own school commitment has been small enough that I could cover X's care within my family. There's a chance this will change if I'm needed in school in June.
- We would like some more information regarding how the preschool would function before making a decision
- I'm so sorry you're all in such an awful position.
- I feel that there is a total lack of evidence in this decision of sending children back to school so early and I'm not happy in allowing my children to be guinea pigs. Even though Alverton is a brilliant school, there is just no way that they could guarantee safety of my children. Especially the youngest ones – madness really. They will not be able to social distance and I feel this is way too soon to be considering this.
- My child is safe and happy at home, with only one parent at work it makes sense for us as a family for my child to stay at home.

Reception

- I feel I've drummed in to xxx that we cannot see family members also she's been fantastic with the social distancing whilst we are out. I feel happier to keep her at home and safe
- Although we are feeling more likely to say yes as we trust that the school will do the best they can in these circumstances and we are not particularly comfortable that my teaching is adequate we do require more information to make a more definite decision.
- I want to send her to school, but I don't want school staff etc to be forced to go in just for my child. In all honesty I would rather school remained shut and the nursery too as I had to say yes to their questionnaire as I expect I would have been hit with full charges or had to give up the place if I didn't. I worry that my daughter was already behind will fall further and further behind, but on the otherhand the warm Reception atmosphere and her friends she is used to won't exist. The Government has put schools and parents in an awful situation
- I would like to send my daughter. Both parents are keyworkers. If I could work from home and had more outdoor space, I would probably feel differently. I cannot keep my children 100% safe due to our jobs, so I feel school is a positive move..
- I'm totally in two minds as we are out and about new mingling with the general public, so I may go more towards getting xxx back
- Yes depending on the virus continuing to drop until then and it's safe for her to come back.
- The children have had to cope with massive changes to their life and are missing school as they knew it, I think xxx would struggle to understand why it was so different to how she left it. I would much rather she returned to school next year when she can go back to the lovely classroom environment she left.
- Due to not having to return to a work place and can work from home, I am happy to continue with home schooling xxx for now, until it is completely safe to go back. Leaving the places for those children of parents who HAVE to return to work.
- Already attending as child of key workers

Y1

- I feel I've drummed in to xxx that we cannot see family members also shes been fantastic with the social distancing whilst we are out. I feel happier to keep her at home and safe.
- I'm a key worker and will have to send my son back shortly as my childcare is no longer available and I have no other option than to send him in on the days I can't work from home.
- I would need to see that the new relaxed government guidelines dont have an impact on infection rates and the way the school could manage the classroom
- As long as the environment is not daunting or going to cause my child emotional distress
- I would have to as My self and partner are both key workers. They have both been at school with me to this point but this obviously won't continue once children return.
- Our daughter is shielding due to a medical condition and can not attend

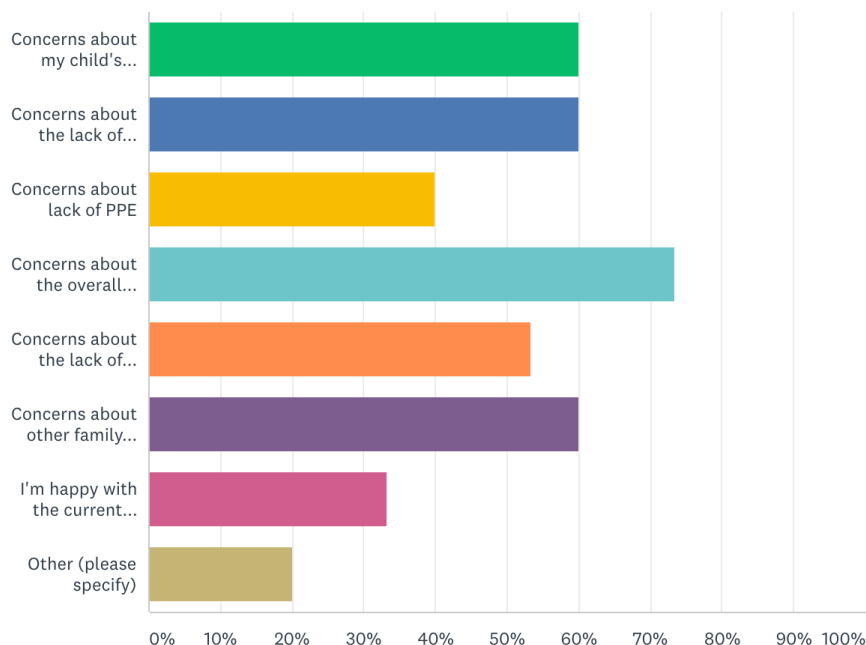
Y6

- We support whatever determination your risk assessment makes. The school must feel comfortable with it.
- With having 3 children & only 2 due to return I'm unsure if this is the right thing to do, myself & partner are key workers so we're not sure if children are carriers who could bring it home from school to which we could take it to our place of work or vice versa?
- My child would like to return to school but I am unsure on the reasonable logistics of how it will work without putting pressure on the teaching staff
- If my child would need to be in school, due to not keeping up with work or needing extra help I would consider sending her to school.
- We're not key workers and I (dad) work from home so am happy to continue home schooling
- As my son is in year 6 there would be not many educational benefits of going back .This time is is usually spend on fun, school trips, school play and making final memories of primary school. With new rules and social distancing non of it will be possible and i dont know if my son would like to spend his final month in primary school in what feels like rather stressed enviroment.
- Lockdown feels unhealthy in many ways for xxx's wellbeing. I'm not convinced that it would be detrimental to his or others health. I know many families where one member as had corona but no other family members have become ill. However if the interest is so small that going to school would not be a positive environment then I'd be happy for xxx to stay at home
- It's just too soon. If I felt I could socially distance my daughter in year 6 or any other primary year for that matter , we wouldn't of been battling nits from September until Christmas even though she swear down she hasn't been near anyone. Must of magically caught them then. Maybe I'll see in July. But I don't really think it'll be safe then either.

Question 2 - If you answered 'No' to Question 1, please any tick of the following reasons which influenced your choice of answer.

Responses

Nursery Parents

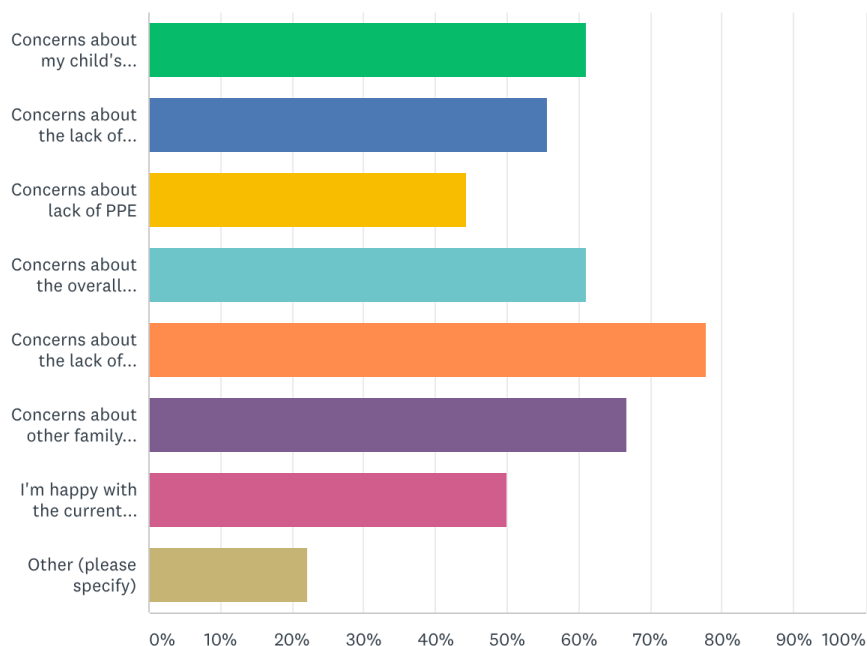


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Concerns about my child's safety	60.00%	9
▼ Concerns about the lack of social distancing	60.00%	9
▼ Concerns about lack of PPE	40.00%	6
▼ Concerns about the overall policy to re-open schools at this time	73.33%	11
▼ Concerns about the lack of scientific evidence to support school re-opening at this time	53.33%	8
▼ Concerns about other family members becoming infected with the virus	60.00%	9
▼ I'm happy with the current Home-Learning Arrangements	33.33%	5
▼ Other (please specify) Responses	20.00%	3
Total Respondents: 15		

'Other' comments

- We are concerned about the overall experience of attending school under these conditions
- Concerned that my child will have a stressful experience as teachers try to cope with keeping the kids social distanced

Reception Parents

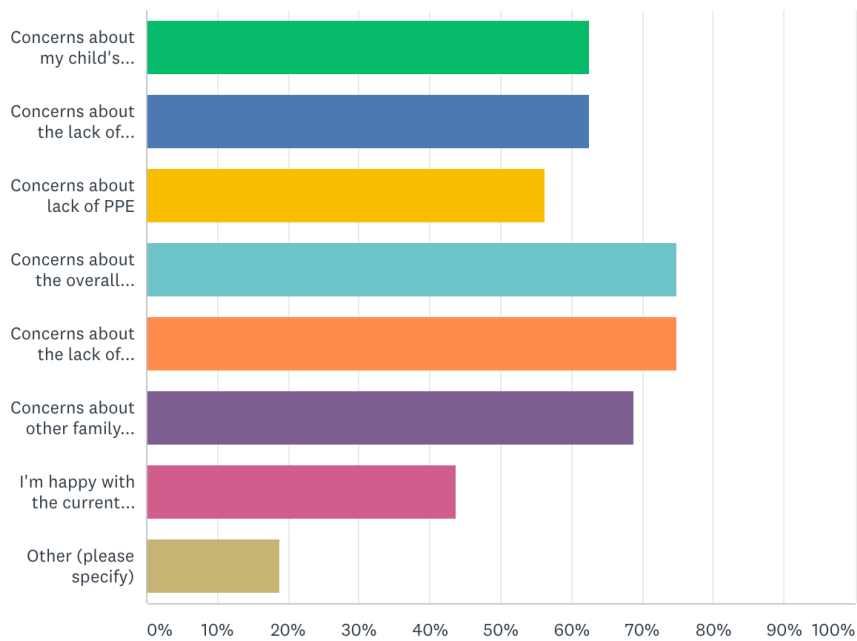


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Concerns about my child's safety	61.11%	11
▼ Concerns about the lack of social distancing	55.56%	10
▼ Concerns about lack of PPE	44.44%	8
▼ Concerns about the overall policy to re-open schools at this time	61.11%	11
▼ Concerns about the lack of scientific evidence to support school re-opening at this time	77.78%	14
▼ Concerns about other family members becoming infected with the virus	66.67%	12
▼ I'm happy with the current Home-Learning Arrangements	50.00%	9
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 22.22%	4
Total Respondents: 18		

'Other' comments

- I am unsure about sending xxx into school until we know more about the class set up and teachers etc as we have had quite a difficult time settling xxx at school and I wouldn't want to send her in to a different class room and teacher. It might be better in the long run for her to go back in September, hopefully when some normality has returned. I work from home so luckily have the option to keep her at home. Thank you so much to all of the staff at school for your continued hard work, especially in these crazy times.
- We are both carers in a residential home, we declined our keyworker places so we did not risk sending anything into school or having anything come home and then take it into work. As it stands we now have nurses coming in and they could bring the virus with them into the home and infect us staff and families
- Concern for staff safety

Y1 Parents

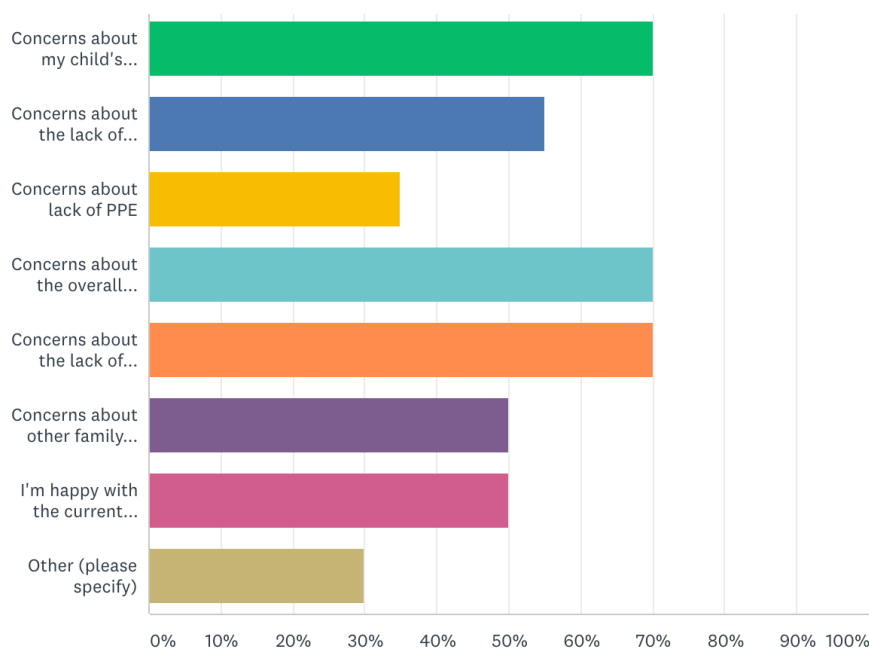


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Concerns about my child's safety	62.50%	10
▼ Concerns about the lack of social distancing	62.50%	10
▼ Concerns about lack of PPE	56.25%	9
▼ Concerns about the overall policy to re-open schools at this time	75.00%	12
▼ Concerns about the lack of scientific evidence to support school re-opening at this time	75.00%	12
▼ Concerns about other family members becoming infected with the virus	68.75%	11
▼ I'm happy with the current Home-Learning Arrangements	43.75%	7
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 18.75%	3
Total Respondents: 16		

'Other' comments

- Psychological impact of measures to minimise possibility of infection.
- My only concern is if it is too soon.
- xxx is shielding due to a medical condition and can not attend until it is medically safe for her

Y6 Parents



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Concerns about my child's safety	70.00%	14
▼ Concerns about the lack of social distancing	55.00%	11
▼ Concerns about lack of PPE	35.00%	7
▼ Concerns about the overall policy to re-open schools at this time	70.00%	14
▼ Concerns about the lack of scientific evidence to support school re-opening at this time	70.00%	14
▼ Concerns about other family members becoming infected with the virus	50.00%	10
▼ I'm happy with the current Home-Learning Arrangements	50.00%	10
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 30.00%	6
Total Respondents: 20		

'Other' comments

- Mental health impact of measures in school to minimise chances of virus transmission
- That it won't be school life as she knows it and I think it could be very distressing.
- Concerns of how the children will manage having to stay apart from their friends
- Concerns about teacher safety!
- Also inconvenience as I am working from home.
- Also worried about the safety of the teachers and other members of staff who will be in school. Seeing as people are back at work now it's not like infections won't be passed around. I can see a second and more dangerous wave coming.

Question 3 - Please add any additional comments you would like to make here...

Nursery

- My worry is, despite excellent and dedicated staff at Alverton, xxx nursery experience will be so dramatically different to normal. But my need to be in work may be too great to cover her care within my family.
- Thank you for your honesty and integrity in this situation. I feel really lucky that we have chosen Alverton School.
- I will only be sending xxx to school when the supporting scientific evidence is made available and the death rate and infection rate are greatly reduced.
- We know that the school will do their very best for the children but we just don't know how social distancing can work in a nursery environment.
- As xxx will be transitioning into reception class we understand how important it is for this to be as smooth as possible but we honestly can't decide what to do for the best.
- I do not plan to send my child in as things are but will keep monitoring things to see how things go on.
- I understand that some parents are returning to work and require nursery for childcare, however as this isn't the case for myself I feel it's safer for Her to be at home. We can educate and teach her at home via online learning. I do not think it is necessary to open nursery unless childcare is required Through parents working. Children this young do not understand this situation and you only have to see the colds and coughs they get from nursery to think how quickly COVID 19 could spread from one to another. The earliest my daughter will be returning is September if I feel it is safe for her to do so. Thank you for sending a detailed email covering the schools situation and keeping us updated with progress. I also appreciate the choice you have given us. Many thanks Mrs xxx

Reception

- I absolutely trust that Alverton school will do everything to make the situation as safe as possible but for our family I feel returning in June is too soon
- Thank you for the information you have provided and please inform us with updates when possible as it will help us make a decision as time approaches
- It is a very hard decision, particularly based on the letter from school, however, I feel that we need to get used to this as our 'new normal' as even by September there will be no vaccine and likely still a threat from the virus. XXX is really keen to come back and I know he understand the situation and is most likely more adaptable than us adults! I am grateful to the school and the teachers as always and I hope I am making the right decision which has been hard, particularly with lots of strong opinions flying around. Thank you
- It's a horrible decision to make. I both do and don't want my child to return to Reception and likewise her brother to Woodlands. I wish neither we opening. On the one hand we live in a relatively low case area, but it is still out there and this could cause a second wave. I feel like the Government doesn't have a real clue about what they have decided. I also feel we don't know what will happen in the autumn with the virus.
- Appreciate the time and effort your all contributing to reach this difficult decision. Thanks for asking for parental feedback. And not taking this decision lightly.

- Our family consists of x2 key workers. We have worked every shift as usual since the start of Lockdown. For us the risks of school is so minimal compared to the risk we take at work. As a family we have adapted quickly and are used to the new normal. The kids know we strip at the door, put shoes in a tub, wipe keys, phones and shower. My children are very aware of the changes being made outside the home, although they have been distanced every step of the way. We work in a supermarket with 300 colleagues and hundreds of customers. So far not 1 member of staff has contracted covid that we are aware of. It is only because of this and the fact we are so much safer now than a month ago, that I feel confident sending my child. I guess my family has seen us go from being petrified of going to work, to being confident and careful when working. I am ready for my child to start school, should Alverton school feel they can offer a safe and secure environment in this current climate. I appreciate many people will probably not feel this way. Its only because I have every confidence in the school that I feel Going to school will be a positive experience for xxx.
- So appreciate the immense effort and commitment of the teachers and staff in this major change to school life. Just wanted to say a big thank you from us as a family
- xxx's dad is definitely in the vulnerable sector, but as I said before having kept both children in for the majority of this virus they have been out now even shopping
- I don't want to take the place of a child who may need the time at school to return to work, my husband and I are both self employed, we can share working from home and child care.
- I would like xxx to continue home learning until there are more facts about covid 19 safety
- It seem odd that they intend on sending back the youngest children who don't understand the current situation and guidelines to keep them safe. Will this just be for the last 6 weeks of the school term? Is this a trial run as to how schools will function come the new school year? September starts the beginning of the new cold/ flu season so will these measures stay in place?
- My son has been into my school with other key worker children so I understand that it is not possible to maintain the 2m social distancing. As long as handwashing and other safety measures were in place and it was safe as it can be, I would be happy for him to come back. Drop off and pick up times would effect my ability to work so that may make a difference to him coming in.
- Although the children are low risk they are known carriers. I'd rather him be able to have a relationship with his grandparents. I feel this more important at present. Many children in school without any protection surly endangers our older loved ones and those of all staff and children at school. If the choice is family or education at this point. We chose family. There is no evidence or science saying this is a good idea... I'd love for xxx to be reunited with his teachers and friends. But do not feel reassured in the slightest
- I'm not happy with the timing of opening schools yet, and the health of the children and staff.
- I appreciate that the virus was possibly within the community in March prior to the lockdown, but I would be hesitant to return xxx to school without further evidence from government that it won't pose substantial risks to all involved. He desperately misses his school and his class mates but he's safe at home and he's still learning due to the fantastic job the school has done with home learning
- I think its ridiculous that the schools are being put in this position, when all of the other UK countries are not doing this. It's not fair on the teachers, pupils and their families. Due to being

able to work from home I am happy to continue home schooling with regular contact with the school to keep xxx on track with his learning.

- We would be grateful if xxx could attend Tues to Thurs as he currently does so that we can continue to work. Many thanks

Year 1

- We should wait until the prevalence of the virus has diminished further and testing is readily available so there is better science to base an assessment of risk on.
- Concerned that he would be more confused going back to a different atmosphere that may affect him mentally.
- I think if parents are happy and able to home school their children then that's what they should be able to do. I think teachers and being asked to do the impossible by the government sending in the little ones. Possibly some of the older ones who may need the additional schooling before moving onto secondary school next year. They will likely understand the social distancing. If I do have to resort to sending X in, it will only be where absolutely necessary and if I didn't work full time and was able to keep him home and school him then I would. Huge thank you too all the teachers and staff for what they are doing though x
- I am not happy to send my child back to school when there is a lack of clarity and evidence that this will not cause further outbreaks.
- I feel it is too early to open schools on the current knowledge we have of the virus, even if September comes and it needs to be our new way of living, I feel that gives more time to plan out safety measures in place for our children. I also feel if I am sending xxx and it is 'safe' enough to do so - it would be essentially the same as sending all of my children as we would all be vulnerable then to the virus As she could potentially bring back the virus to our household. I also have X who is asthmatic and vulnerable and if I am already home schooling 2 of my children - why not 3?!
- I trust the school not to open unless they were 100% happy with the safety for children and teachers but am a bit concerned about the level of uncertainty, my other child (who is in year 5 ,so won't have to go back) has been told he's vulnerable ,by the nhs ,because of an earlier heart problem so I would worry if xxx going back could put him at risk as well. At 6 years old I don't think not being at school for a bit longer would be a huge blow to her education so I'm wondering if it's really worth the risk. I know we have to start working to get things running again , it is very hard to know what the right thing to do is. My family's health and safety will obviously always come first though. I will discuss it with my husband in depth and source as much information about it as I can.
- I do feel that it is too soon to be sending children back to school . Although an education is especially important to My child his health and well-being is more important .
- xxx and xxx would both need to attend if I have to return to work.

Year 6

- xxx gets asthma, so we are worried if he contracts the virus it could affect him more

- It would be great if (just for year 6) the main classes were taught in an online live classroom environment using e.g. zoom....just in part e.g. 2 x half hours or something. There are privacy concerns but not enough of an issue for government itself to stop using it!
- We are really grateful to the school and Mr Hammond for using Showbie to set work. Our thinking is that we will never have this time again to be so flexible with learning, so if we are able we'd like to continue with it, without having to commit to home school learning indefinitely, because xxx should hopefully start at Cape in September. We wouldn't expect Alverton teachers to have to set work for classes they're teaching in school and for xxx, because we've chosen to keep him at home. We can use KS2 Bitezise if we need to, but if Mr Hammond does still set work through Showbie then of course we'd get xxx to do it and send it in. To be honest, he'd probably only do English and Maths in the morning. I realise we are coming at this from the position of being able to be at home, support xxx when he'll let us, have access to the IT we need and have outside space, so I hope that by keeping him at home we are helping you in a small way, with a situation that must be horrible to think about managing. Thank you.
- My answers are true at this moment in time - the uncertainty of the near future makes it hard to make sound judgements. Perhaps in a months time it could be reconsidered. It is of course very upsetting for xxx to miss her final year and we want to support her but staying safe has to be the first priority. We'd like to think that year 6 will be able to spend at least some time at Alverton School before their final days. X did want to attend from June 1st so this has been a very difficult decision as it is for everyone. Thank you.
- I do feel it's too soon to be opening schools. There are too many risks.
- We're trying to think of everyone & believe it to be safer for them not to return at this time.
- I'm very high risk!! Im worried about the spread of the virus
- Although my husband and I are both key workers we both feel that it's too soon to re-open schools and therefore my husband will take his annual leave if necessary for childcare.
- I am in real conflict about this at the moment. X is desperate to come back to school even after I explained to him the differences that it will involve during the school day. Having been working through this pandemic myself and coming home to my family, the risk to xxx isn't much higher and he understands the importance of personal hygiene. However, this is a difficult time for everyone and the less pressure that is put on each other the better. So unhelpfully I don't think my answers will have much of a sway in the ultimate decision. Sorry 😊. I will respect whatever the final outcome is as I know the staff at Alverton school would have made the right decision for all involved. So in short, if the school opens, X will want to return, if it doesn't then he is managing well with homeschooling. Thank you for all you are doing for our children, we appreciate the support they have had from you all.
- Times are uncertain and cases in Uk are still going up by large number, therefore unsure how government is happy to justify that now is a good time to open schools. Perhaps we are lucky to be able to be at home with kids and support them with home learning so keep spaces at school for parents of key workers who need to be at work and make sure their kids are looked after in the safe environment
- It's not clear why children should go back to school! I feel the gov only want our children to go back to school to help the economy! I am still working usual shifts
- xxx would love to come back to school. She's very cross with me for saying it's too soon. However she also understands that we haven't any real idea how this is going to effect the

local and national infection and death rates. I feel like school children , teachers and anyone who works within a school setting are being used as lab rats. And our children and teachers are too precious to take that risk with . Maybe if they had PPE or parliament was back id think again... Maybe . I'd much rather she went back to school with year 6 only maybe at the end of the school year for a send off and hopefully by then, we can be a bit more lacks as we will know more. But if it doesn't happen because infection rates are still high, then it is what it is. And I'm sure you'll get them all back for a send off when it is safe. Even if they're in year 11 by then. Alverton school have been amazing at providing information. And Mr Hammond and Mrs Harmon have been utterly amazing . Given my daughter a decent amount of work to do , support when she's needed it. Made sure she's had the help she's needed very quickly after a problem has been identified and we both feel very supported. So she isn't falling behind. And I picked Alverton school for daughter because I know I can trust Mr Higgs. He hasn't let us down . So on the balance, I think she is better off at home where she is safer. And where she isn't making an already serious and frightening problem worse. And potentially catching and spreading Covid-19

- I'm strongly opposed to the current government's handling of this crisis and since this coming half term is traditionally post-SAT and generally a relaxed term it seems a bit unnecessary to send Y6 kids back at this time unless their parents are needed in key positions. We're also all happy with the way home learning is going
- Alverton has provided most amazing home school program and I feel being at home in no way affected my childs education