

# YouGov Parents Omni - Children returning to school

2,215 parents in England and Wales (aged 18+)

27th - 28th August 2020



Total	Parents of children aged 4-16 in England and Wales only	Gender		Age				
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+

Thinking about sending your child(ren) back to school when the new term begins this September...How seriously, if at all, are you considering keeping your child(ren) out of school in September because of concerns about coronavirus? (Please select the option that best applies. If your child(ren) are home schooled or don't attend school regardless of coronavirus please select the 'Not applicable' option)

Unweighted base	653	653	278	375	6	73	288	230	56
<b>Base: All Parents in England and Wales of kids age 4 - 16 in England and Wales</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>54</b>
Very seriously	6%	6%	9%	4%	9%	7%	6%	5%	10%
Fairly seriously	11%	11%	12%	10%	-	19%	10%	9%	11%
Not very seriously	17%	17%	19%	16%	12%	21%	17%	16%	17%
Not at all seriously	53%	53%	47%	58%	25%	44%	55%	57%	47%
Don't know	6%	6%	8%	5%	-	5%	8%	6%	3%
Not applicable - my children are home schooled or otherwise don't attend school regardless of coronavirus	6%	6%	6%	6%	53%	4%	3%	6%	11%

Do you think that secondary school children should or should not have to wear face masks upon their return to school?

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<b>Base: All Parents in England and Wales Parents</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1119</b>
They should	57%	47%	61%	53%	18%	46%	44%	58%	63%
They should not	27%	36%	24%	29%	59%	38%	37%	27%	22%
Don't know	16%	17%	14%	18%	23%	15%	19%	15%	16%

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Fair	45%	39%	49%	42%	52%	41%	39%	43%	48%
Unfair	42%	48%	40%	44%	23%	52%	48%	43%	39%
Don't know	13%	13%	11%	14%	25%	7%	13%	13%	13%

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	ABC1	C2DE	North	Midlands	East	London	South	England (NET)	Wales	Scotland

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Unweighted base	653	400	253	182	120	63	71	182	618	35	-
<b>Base: All Parents in England and Wales of kids age 4 - 16 in England and Wales</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>
Fairly seriously	11%	9%	13%	12%	9%	7%	13%	12%	11%	6%	-
Very seriously	6%	5%	9%	4%	7%	4%	7%	8%	6%	8%	-
Not very seriously	17%	16%	19%	16%	19%	26%	20%	13%	17%	15%	-
Not at all seriously	53%	59%	46%	57%	50%	50%	42%	57%	53%	59%	-
Don't know	6%	6%	7%	5%	10%	11%	10%	2%	7%	6%	-
Not applicable - my children are home schooled or otherwise don't attend school regardless of coronavirus	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%	8%	8%	6%	5%	-

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Unweighted base	2215	1314	901	608	440	230	205	600	2083	132	-
<b>Base: All Parents in England and Wales Parents</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>-</b>
They should	57%	59%	54%	57%	58%	62%	56%	56%	57%	45%	-
They should not	27%	25%	29%	28%	27%	26%	24%	26%	27%	36%	-
Don't know	16%	16%	17%	15%	15%	12%	20%	18%	16%	19%	-

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