

# GMB 'pleased government considering staff and pupil safety'



## Further reopening must be guided by science, underpinned by real efforts to minimise risk, says GMB Union

GMB, the union for school staff, is pleased pupil and staff safety is being considered by the Government, after plans to bring all pupils back before the summer holidays **look set to be shelved**.

**Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary, said:**

"GMB has been in regular talks with Department for Education raising concerns of wider school reopening and the lack of safe systems of work.



“As a key stakeholder which represents more than 100,000 school staff we are pleased that their safety, and that of pupils, has started to lead government policy and decisions.

“Pupils’ education matters, so we need Ministers to continue to work with unions to build and redesign classrooms ahead of further reopening so that both staff and pupils are safe to return to the classroom.

“GMB will continue to ensure widening of schools opening are guided by science, underpinned by real efforts to minimise risk to the virus until we either get a vaccine or the virus is eliminated.”

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