



Unlocking Potential

Covid-19 timeline – recording my experience

June 2020

1st June – Primary Schools reopen to Early Years and Y6 children. Not all children took up the space with Head Teachers saying between 40% and 70% children came back.

Did you go back to school or stay home? What was that like for you?

4th June – The government announce that face coverings must be worn on public transport from the 15th of June. There are some exceptions including young children.

6th June – In cities and towns across the UK, people gather to protest against racism. Thousands of people got down on one knee to show their support for the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement.

The protests cause a lot of debate about the risks of large public gatherings during lockdown.

7th May – One of the governments top scientists said that he felt that the UK started lockdown too late and that this may have ‘cost lives’. He goes on to add it was hard to know what to do as they didn’t have a lot of information.

Imagine you were the prime minister. What would you have done differently? What would you have kept the same?

Schools are given the control to decide if they want to bring back additional children.

8th June– From today all travelers arriving in the UK are required to self-isolate for 14 days from arrival. There is a £1000 fine for those who are found not to be following the rules.

9th June – The UK government changes their plans for all primary school children to return to school before the end of the summer term, describing it as ‘unfeasible’.



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10th June – Boris Johnson announces that the Government is drawing up plans for a school ‘catch up’ programme to run over the summer months.

13th June – Single adults, including ones with children can now join one other household and create a special ‘Support Bubble’. They can be inside together and behave as though they are in the same household.

If everyone could create a Support Bubble with one other household who would you pick. Can you draw or write about them?

Some people queued online for hours waiting to get tickets for the Zoo.

15th June – Lots of ‘non-essential’ shops are now reopen, but some businesses are still required to stay shut, like restaurants and hairdressers. Now you can even go to a Zoo or Safari park.

16th June – The Government change their minds about providing 1.3 million children with Free School Lunches over the summer holiday. This was a big U-Turn for the Government. Now families are entitled to £15 a week food voucher to ensure they can get the basics.

18th June – The UK's COVID-19 Alert Level is lowered from Level 4 to Level 3, following the agreement of all four Chief Medical Officers.

Can you create your own Alert system? How many levels would it have, what colours will you use?:

Footballer Marcus Rashford started a campaign to force the government to change their minds, and it worked!

22nd June – It is announced that from August 1st 2.2 million people in England who have been Shielding since the start of lockdown can now stop. As well as this, from the 6th July they will be able to meet up outside with up to five other people as well as forming a "support bubble" with another household.



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23rd June – New Lockdown rules are announced. From July 4th people only need to keep 1 meter apart. Pubs, restaurants, hotels and hairdressers will also be opening. Boris also announces that from that day two households will be allowed to meet up inside.

This is the last of the UK's daily briefings. From now on there will only be briefings for important news.

24th June – Top scientists at London's Imperial College begin to trial a COVID vaccine on 300 volunteers. This is after the tests on animals showed a good response.

25th June – The UK experiences a Heat Wave and people took advantage of their right to travel for the day. Nearly half a million people travelled to the Dorset coast. Doctors warned that these numbers could result in a COVID spike.

Have you been on any day trips during lockdown? Where did you go, where might you want to go next?:

26th June – The government confirm that there will be a list of countries who will not have to quarantine for 14 days when people travel from them. This will be based on the country's infection risk levels. The list will be confirmed at a later date.

The government in Scotland is still deciding if they want to relax their borders.

27th June – Travel companies have reported holiday bookings 'exploding' since the government announce relaxed restrictions on travel.

Can you draw or describe your ideal holiday destination? Who would you want to go with you?:

29th June – The UK announces its first localised stricter Lockdown in the city of Leicester. Schools re-shut and only essential shops can stay open. On the same day, workers and their families from a factory in Wales are asked to self-isolate as there is an increase of cases linked to the factory.