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What next Part 3

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Talking about changing term dates completely, unions are not keen, would mean they go back earlier, go back in August, longer holiday in Sept. Way they have framed it, safer time to be in than in the winter.

How if some year groups go in before summer break, year 6 in transition, nursery reception, year 1. But can't social distance with young children. No earlier than 3rd June decisions, 29 June 3 weeks learning.

Agreed today that potentially put questions to SAGE for advice and turn around quickly 24 on education tomorrow.

System thinking on solution for future – important paper, wider impact of school closure on children – statement on opening school and starting school earlier. Struggle to see benefit of bringing year 6 back value in new setting but not in old environment.

Emphasis is if do things in school do it outside and if bring back in August can start by doing outside. Teaching unions, Scotland, Denmark and Netherlands enviable as outside in summer.

Overwhelming coming together of factors made August start an obvious response, then ability to engage in other lockdown activities were less. If give teachers a break now, bring back when risks are lower and later in year when risks are higher.