

[30/04/2020, 18:54:27] Vaughan Gething: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them.

[07/05/2020, 10:02:55] Kirsty Williams: Thank you

[07/05/2020, 10:05:27] Vaughan Gething: As on other matters JM is wrong.

[07/05/2020, 10:06:44] Kirsty Williams: I feel for you, so much for you carry and little support.

[07/05/2020, 12:41:58] Vaughan Gething: I don't know where Jeremy is coming from. It's not as simple as he is suggesting. If that approach continues we will stay in lockdown until a vaccine arrives.

[10/05/2020, 18:22:44] Vaughan Gething: I think you will find lots of support from parents and teachers in holding the line until the evidence says it safe to go back. The SAGE papers support our position.

[11/05/2020, 15:04:07] Kirsty Williams: Are you joining this Ministerial and Spad meeting asked for by Julie James

[11/05/2020, 16:29:16] Vaughan Gething: Sorry - stuck in a meeting in testing. There may be light. In the distance

[11/05/2020, 16:37:31] Kirsty Williams: Is that a Cardiff Uni light?

[13/05/2020, 19:47:59] Kirsty Williams: Who can I get child death/ hospitalisation rates for Wales please ASAP.

[13/05/2020, 20:39:52] Vaughan Gething: Heather Payne

[13/05/2020, 20:40:25] Kirsty Williams: Ya very much.

[19/05/2020, 10:19:38] Vaughan Gething: I spoke with MD after the 9am call. We will sort out a meeting for us (you, MD & me) with Rob Orford to make sure that you get some useful advice from TAC.

[19/05/2020, 10:43:53] Kirsty Williams: Thank you. Yesterday was not helpful.

[19/05/2020, 10:52:39] Vaughan Gething: What happened? Was it all scientific uncertainty and no practical sense of how you need to make choices or a dispute about where we are? I dint think we will get a certain forecast but we should certainly get a trajectory with caveats about behaviours and their impact. I wouldn't expect a hard and fast commitment from you on schools to a date. I would always expect a front end caveat about monitoring R before opening and during any return however limited.

[19/05/2020, 10:53:44] Vaughan Gething: Not trying to tell you what to do but I don't think you can be left on your own making the choice. Happy to be corrected if you have a different approach so we can get the right answers to the questions you need answering.

[19/05/2020, 10:57:55] Kirsty Williams: They couldn't really tell us anything. I was aspiring to do a little better than England. I need to make a call next week if any kids are going back. To do that I need to know if we believe/think/anticipate that R and the availability to test and trace will be ready by last week of June. If the answer is no, I need to make the call to cancel this academic year and try and persuade the Unions to go back in August but I need data and advice to do anything.

[19/05/2020, 11:08:06] Vaughan Gething: TTP should be in place for a number of weeks before the end of June. The R trajectory has to come with caveats but is certainly not impossible.

[20/05/2020, 22:13:42] Vaughan Gething: The TAC modelling paper that has been circulated should help set up our meeting tomorrow on schools.

[20/05/2020, 22:13:53] Kirsty Williams: Cool

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[05/06/2020, 17:35:44] Kirsty Williams: Do NHS staff/ care staff get routine testing regardless of symptoms being present? Teachers now saying they want regular testing. Is there capacity to do that?

[05/06/2020, 19:13:21] Vaughan Gething: Home care staff will be part of regular surveillance testing but not so in the NHS. Teachers are critical workers and will be prioritised for tests now in any event.

[17/06/2020, 12:24:20] Vaughan Gething: Hope you're ok. We are trying to get support staff unions somewhere sensible. For what it's worth I think you are doing the right thing.

[17/06/2020, 16:23:24] Vaughan Gething: Your unmuted - don't swear