



British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition

**Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) Working Group
British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (BSPGHAN)**

**Position Statement: Guidance on returning to school for children and young adults with
EoE during the Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic.**

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The UK Department for Education has issued guidance regarding opening schools from September. We recognise that there will be considerable anxiety regarding returning to school for children and young adults, their families and professionals. The BSPGHAN EoE working group issued a statement in April 2020¹ regarding the management of paediatric EoE during the coronavirus outbreak, as per the guidance children with EoE are labelled as low risk. So far, no data have emerged to change the position; hence children and young adults with EoE continue to remain at no additional risk.

We feel children with EoE will benefit returning to school to support their education and development. Children and families will need to follow updated guidance; take steps as advised by the government follow social distancing and hygiene measures.

If you have further concerns about your child's condition related to other conditions please contact your local general or specialty paediatric teams for advice and guidance.

References:

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