

MONDAY 25TH MAY 2020 SESSION 26 STAYING CONNECTED AND CURIOUS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Knowledge and understanding of attachment and trauma

Please read the following article from The True Play Foundation:

<https://medium.com/@AnjiPlay/statement-regarding-school-and-childcare-program-re-openings-during-the-continued-spread-of-52bc02b383db>

I've met a lot of you attending my Covid-19 and School related webinars during the last two weeks and it's clear that many of you, like me, are extremely worried about the long-term impact of PPE, social distancing & near-pathological hygiene & infection control. These physically-necessary measures for protecting physical well-being are extremely damaging to social and emotional wellbeing for the 7s-and-under.



Levels one and two of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs relate to physical and physiological needs, although level two also includes psychological safety. Levels three and four relate to psychological needs. Level five describes self-fulfilment needs.

It is clear that if young children's physical needs and health are protected on return to school, their psychological, social and emotional needs CANNOT be met. The measures needed to control the virus prevent practitioners meeting higher level needs. Therefore, it is not safe for 7s-and under to return to school until such a time as social distancing etc. is no longer needed in order to protect children and adults.

I'd be interested to hear your thoughts on this.

Have a good day, keep safe and healthy and do ring or email me to chat if you like.
Jenny