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## Regarding your status as a parent/guardian at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, which of the following applies to you?

I was parent/guardian to a child under the age of 18 at the time of the pandemic	<b>20</b>	15	25	15	21	21	21	20	20	1	32	25	2	21	19	20	18	19	23	23	24	16	100
I had children but none of them were under the age of 18 at the time of the pandemic	<b>26</b>	44	23	24	33	28	39	22	30	1	2	40	66	22	31	26	24	26	30	29	11	28	0
I was not a parent/guardian at the time	<b>54</b>	41	53	61	47	52	40	58	50	98	66	35	32	56	50	53	58	55	48	48	65	56	0

## In retrospect, how well or badly do you think the UK government handled the coronavirus pandemic?

Very well	<b>5</b>	15	4	1	5	4	8	6	4	2	3	7	9	5	6	5	4	2	6	7	3	5	5
Fairly well	<b>33</b>	55	23	28	31	27	40	31	34	26	26	36	45	33	32	33	32	28	32	35	30	34	30
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>
Fairly badly	<b>32</b>	21	39	41	25	38	25	31	34	37	38	30	24	35	28	32	31	32	30	31	33	35	35
Very badly	<b>24</b>	7	31	28	35	28	23	25	24	20	28	26	18	23	26	24	29	27	28	24	25	20	26
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	2	2	5	3	3	7	4	15	6	2	4	4	8	5	2	10	4	4	9	5	3

## And thinking about the UK government's approach to COVID-19 overall, do you think their approach was generally...?

Too strict	<b>22</b>	21	17	14	50	16	32	25	19	9	24	26	19	21	23	22	21	22	25	23	19	20	33
Not strict enough	<b>35</b>	21	47	40	18	43	27	32	37	40	37	33	31	36	33	34	44	38	35	32	34	34	30
About right	<b>33</b>	50	28	36	26	32	35	32	34	28	27	34	43	34	30	33	32	27	30	35	32	35	29
Don't know	<b>11</b>	7	7	10	6	9	6	11	11	23	12	7	8	8	14	11	3	12	10	10	15	11	8

## In hindsight, do you think the UK government were right or wrong to do each of the following things during the COVID-19 pandemic?

### Closing schools to most pupils and moving lessons online

Right to do so	<b>66</b>	67	72	68	46	69	60	64	68	76	66	65	63	67	65	65	81	68	64	70	59	65	61
Wrong to do so	<b>25</b>	24	22	22	45	23	32	26	24	14	25	27	26	25	24	25	16	21	27	25	26	24	32
Don't know	<b>10</b>	8	6	11	8	9	8	10	9	10	10	8	10	8	11	10	3	10	9	5	15	11	7

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## Requiring people to wear face masks in public places

Right to do so	<b>78</b>	78	88	87	52	86	70	73	83	83	77	78	80	82	74	79	85	73	77	81	74	80	77
Wrong to do so	<b>15</b>	15	9	10	42	9	25	18	12	5	16	18	14	13	17	15	14	18	17	16	12	14	19
Don't know	<b>7</b>	6	3	3	7	4	5	9	5	11	7	4	6	5	9	7	1	9	6	3	14	6	4

## National lockdowns requiring people to stay at home except for essential activities

Right to do so	<b>71</b>	75	80	83	46	78	64	67	76	77	71	69	72	74	68	71	82	72	69	71	67	73	70
Wrong to do so	<b>21</b>	21	15	12	47	15	31	25	17	14	21	25	22	20	23	22	15	20	24	24	18	20	25
Don't know	<b>8</b>	5	6	5	7	8	5	8	7	10	8	6	7	6	9	8	3	7	8	5	14	7	5

## Make getting the COVID-19 vaccine voluntary rather than mandatory

Right to do so	<b>58</b>	59	57	60	68	57	64	56	61	48	62	62	53	57	60	58	67	59	60	58	57	56	67
Wrong to do so	<b>28</b>	30	33	28	24	30	27	31	25	31	25	26	35	31	24	29	24	26	26	30	26	31	24
Don't know	<b>14</b>	11	10	12	8	13	10	13	14	21	14	12	12	12	16	14	9	15	14	13	17	13	9

## Requiring travellers from high risk countries to self-isolate for 14 days after arriving in the UK

Right to do so	<b>88</b>	96	92	94	78	92	89	85	90	80	84	91	95	89	87	87	92	91	86	92	76	89	88
Wrong to do so	<b>6</b>	2	4	4	15	4	7	8	4	9	8	5	3	6	6	6	5	3	7	4	11	5	8
Don't know	<b>6</b>	3	4	2	7	4	5	7	6	11	8	4	3	5	8	6	3	6	7	3	13	5	4

## The Eat Out to Help Out scheme (discounts for eating at restaurants in August 2020)

Right to do so	<b>35</b>	43	27	32	40	27	40	33	37	44	38	31	32	35	36	36	28	33	33	38	40	36	41
Wrong to do so	<b>50</b>	39	64	54	48	62	45	53	47	42	49	54	50	52	47	49	56	52	53	48	44	49	49
Don't know	<b>15</b>	18	9	13	12	12	14	14	15	14	13	15	18	13	17	15	15	15	14	13	16	16	10

## Create the temporary 'Nightingale hospitals'

Right to do so	<b>58</b>	66	60	66	47	58	57	60	56	60	57	54	60	61	53	57	64	63	52	55	58	60	58
Wrong to do so	<b>23</b>	20	24	19	38	24	30	22	23	2	22	31	25	22	24	23	22	18	30	24	16	21	28
Don't know	<b>20</b>	14	16	15	15	18	13	18	21	38	21	14	15	17	23	20	14	18	18	21	26	19	13

## Limiting students' access to universities and moving lessons online

Right to do so	<b>67</b>	73	73	68	46	71	63	64	69	64	64	68	70	66	67	65	75	72	65	68	57	68	61
Wrong to do so	<b>22</b>	18	20	21	44	19	29	24	21	15	24	24	20	23	21	23	16	17	25	21	29	21	31
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## The furlough scheme to pay workers' wages at companies unable to operate due to COVID

Right to do so	<b>76</b>	73	86	86	59	81	68	72	80	80	77	76	73	77	75	76	84	76	74	75	75	77	75
Wrong to do so	<b>12</b>	17	8	4	29	9	22	16	9	3	11	16	15	12	13	12	9	13	14	15	9	11	15
Don't know	<b>12</b>	10	6	10	13	10	10	13	11	18	12	8	12	11	13	12	8	11	12	10	16	11	10

*\*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*