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Post Covid Child Development

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Activity 1- Dauphine Parks

Use the BBC article as an example. Examine each unknown question and response. Pose an unknown question of your own. What do you wonder about what the future (post-pandemic) holds? Now Answer this question.

My question: how will we raise children and help them learn social skills and keep them healthy in regards to physical contact and learning body language?

My greatest concern, besides all the other awful side effects of living in a pandemic or post pandemic world, is how we will raise healthy children and how will we teach them social skills (not internet social skills) as well as body language? Physical touch is such an important part of life. How will our children learn how to read a room, determine whether someone would rather shake hands or not as an introduction? Children won't be able to wrestle, have pillow fights, play those fun hand clap games or know when a friend needs a hug. This is an extremely sad consequence of the pandemic., would hope this can be resolved. One thought is that throughout the pandemic we were told to stay in our social bubbles, to pick people we would interact with normally and not stray outside that group. I wonder what a post pandemic world would be like if we expanded on this idea? What if our towns became bubbles? What if our schools became bubbles? What if our bubbles became more official? I'm talking written down government approved large bubbles you would have to be tested and committed in order to get in? It's a vague idea, one that I feel like would make a great ya apocalypse novel, yet aren't we kind of living like already? How many times did I say I hoped the apocalypse would come when I was in 8th grade? I remember laughing about how great it would be-no school or responsibilities other than trying to stay alive. Well here we are, experiencing a degree of what I had hoped for, and it's not nearly as fun as I thought. And all I can think about is how our children will become screen zombies for life. I am grateful for technology, but it is not a replacement for face to face interaction.