

Online Symposium on School at home: the lived experience of families with young children during the first COVID-19 lockdown in France on Tuesday 11 May from 12noon to 2pm (UK time, [time converter](#)).

Network 14 is delighted to warmly invite you to an online event on **Tuesday 11 May from 12noon (UK time)**. It will give us the opportunity to learn more about the findings of a study exploring the unprecedented situation faced by families with young children as a result of school and preschool closures in France during the first COVID-19 lockdown.

Abstract:

The symposium aims to make visible the experiences and voices of families with young children who attempted to cope with emergency distance education, in order to inform more appropriate ways to maintain sustainable, inclusive, and supportive school-family connections, capable of addressing current and future challenges to the ways in which schooling has been thought of so far. This symposium will discuss the first results of COV-JEUNENFANT (COVID-Young Child), an interdisciplinary project aiming to better understand what mothers, fathers and their young children (under six years old) experienced throughout the first COVID-19 lockdown in France as favorable or less favorable moments, the possibly gendered and socially situated activities that emerged from domestic work (educational tasks, caregiving tasks, etc.), as well as the related feelings for both parents.

In France, as in many countries, the measures imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted the socialization patterns of families. The symposium will start by presenting the work of two project groups that take into account the unprecedented situation faced by families with young children as a result of school and preschool closures in France: one focusing on the experiences of single-parent families, the other on the quality of intra-family relationships.

The symposium will have dedicated time for discussion in the light of the existing literature on single-parent families and intra-family relationships in association with COVID-19 and school-family connections.

Symposium Co-ordinators: Dr Alice Moscaritolo, Groupement d'intérêt scientifique Bébé petite Enfance en Contextes-Université Fédérale Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, France and Dr Laurence Lasselle, University of St Andrews, UK

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If you wish to participate in the event, please fill in the form available [here](#).

In order to promote participation, please forward this to colleagues and anyone else who might be interested.