







## Tuesday morning thoughts

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From [my twitter comments](#) this morning:

- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Reports that No 10 has asked England's chief medical officer to review the evidence on coronavirus in schools to show that it is safe for children to head back to school simply shows that all the assurances they have provided to date on this do not as yet 'follow the science'  
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- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
We may not need overall tax increases right now because they would make already dire job prospects worse but that does not mean we do not need tax reform. Too much tax is paid by those with low earnings and not enough by the best off. That has to change, very soon.  
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- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
If anyone asks you what taxes should rise to pay for the coronavirus crisis the correct answer is 'none'. Tax takes demand out of the economy so tax increases would make the job situation worse right now. Unless the gov't wants unemployment overall tax rises are not needed now  
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- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
I am continually annoyed by the question being asked by politicians and economists as to how we'll pay for the coronavirus crisis, and clear the so called debt it's given rise to when that's already been done by £300bn of quantitative easing this year, which need not be reversed  
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- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Governments rule by consent. In the UK that's almost invariably been given, even by opponents. But fears on Covid, pupil and parent anger on results if not matched by the contrition of Scotland, and rising unemployment are all going to threaten this. When will Johnson take note?  
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- **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
We are seeing clear signs this week that this government thinks their political objectives are more important than people. Asylum seekers do not matter. Pupils do not matter. Scots do not matter. Teachers do not matter. All must do as they're told. No wonder anger is growing.  
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