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My wife is immune compromised, and we don't want to send our kids back to school this fall, but our youngest (age 10) did not do well with online learning. What are our options?

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This question is on many parents' minds right now, as the health risks of sending our children back to school conflict with the benefits of social contact and in-person learning.

The good news is that you have options, as Ontario is permitting homeschooling to continue; the bad news is that those options are going to require some planning and in most cases, an infusion of cash.

One option is participating in a homeschooling pod or "micro school". A cluster of 3 to 6 families hires a private instructor, such as a substitute teacher, new graduate, or parent, to teach their children at home. Ideally the co-quarantined "bubble" of children is in the same school/ grade. The tutor may be full-time or part-time.

Another option is supplementing homeschooling with "nano schools" which augment the existing school curriculum. A small group of five or less children attend at a home

where a tutor provides math instruction, or reading help, or music lessons.

Logistically you want to think about liability, an employment contract, home schooling and health and safety compliance. If you have an ex who is opposed to what you want to do with the children, book an appointment with a family lawyer to determine your options.

This is definitely thinking outside the box, and if you're interested, here are a couple of sources to explore before you get started: a Facebook group called "Pandemic Pods" by Lian Chang and a website linking suppliers with parents called www.joinweekdays.com.

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