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29 schoolchildren test positive for coronavirus

● These positive cases were detected from a screening of 86 pupils at ten schools. The children are all isolating at home; seventeen are in Majorca, eleven in

Ibiza and one in Minorca. As a result of these infections, five "isolation" groups of pupils have been created. ● See Full Report Inside.



Back to school across Spain.

EU plays the money card

The European Union yesterday ramped up pressure on Prime Minister Boris Johnson to step back from breaking the Brexit divorce treaty, delaying a key decision on London's euro clearing just as he faces a rebellion in the British parliament.

The European Union says Johnson's plan would wreck trade talks and propel the United Kingdom towards a messy Brexit while former British leaders have warned that breaking the law is a step too far that will tarnish the country's image.

The House of Commons is due to vote on moving the Internal Market Bill, which the EU has demanded London scrap by the end of the month, to its next amendment stage after a debate that Johnson will introduce.

As Johnson prepared to try to persuade lawmakers that his plan to explicitly break international law was worth supporting, a derivatives industry source said the European Commission had delayed a decision on euro clearing.

Johnson, who has a majority of 80 in the lower house of parliament, faces a

growing revolt. All of Britain's living former prime ministers have expressed concern about his plan as have many senior figures in his Conservative Party.

"No British minister should solemnly undertake to observe treaty obligations with his fingers crossed behind his back," Johnson's former Attorney General Geoffrey Cox, who is influential with colleagues, said in *The Times* newspaper.

The leader of the opposition Labour Party, Keir Starmer, who was self-isolating due to coronavirus, said he would oppose a bill that broke international law.

Johnson's plan to explicitly break international law has plunged Brexit back into crisis less than four months before Britain is finally due to leave the EU's orbit at the end of a transition period, and jeopardised trade talks.

The EU has ramped up preparations for a no-deal Brexit, which would be chaotic for business, markets and nearly \$1 trillion in annual trade.

Conservative lawmaker Rehman Chishti, who was Johnson's special envoy for freedom of religion, quit his role, saying he could not support the bill.