

## Should children go to school over the summer holidays?

It's June 2020, school children have been home-schooled by their parents since March, because schools have been closed. The Coronavirus Pandemic has had a massive effect on people's lives and the education of children has been interrupted. People around the world are debating whether or not schools should remain open during the summer holidays. Should children be allowed to enjoy their summer and not worry about school work or should they attend school over the holidays because they missed a great deal of work? Here we will be discussing if children should go to school over the summer holidays.

Summer- schooling is an idea that has been thought about as a way of allowing children to catch up. This is because children have not been able to go to school during the pandemic. Even though children have been home-schooled over the lock-down period, some families have found it very difficult keeping on top of the work set by teachers. Many children do not have access to resources such as laptops and some parents have found it difficult supporting their children with their school work. Do children need a break from schoolwork and do they deserve to have their holidays? The summer break is a really important period in a child's life because it's a time to see family, go on holidays, enjoy the outdoors and learn and experience things that you can't learn in the classroom. Many children just need a break from the routine of school. They need time to relax and enjoy time with their family.

Some parents think it would be a good idea for their children to go to summer-school because they think that home-schooling was not as effective as doing proper lessons at school. One of the reasons why parents did not find it effective was because they themselves struggled to understand the work and cope with supporting their child. Also some children did not have access to technology such as laptops and printers therefore found it difficult to complete the work. Others say that home-schooling was effective. Some children worked really hard so it wouldn't be fair for them to go back to school. Teachers also deserve a break because they too worked hard setting all the children's work.

As we have discussed, there are lots of arguments both for and against children going to school during the summer holidays. We all know how important school is; however the summer holidays also plays a really

important part in a child's life. It's a time when memories of childhood are made. The arguments are both strong and we need time to think about what children really need. Now having considered both sides, I believe that children shouldn't have to go to school during the summer holidays. What children can gain in new experiences and spending time with their families, is far more important than doing schoolwork they can catch up with when school starts again in September.

*I completely agree with you Eva.*

*You explored the arguments extremely well by adding detail and elaboration and by ensuring you were balanced throughout. The effect of this is to add weight to your final conclusion. I'm particularly convinced by your line: "It's a time when memories of childhood are made."*

*I am really impressed with all the work you produced during lock-down, Eva. It's clear that you are working in a focused, thoughtful way and trying your very best. You've made huge progress with your punctuation, which you are now using to control the way your work is read. As a result, each piece has been entertaining, engaging and thought-provoking. Well done.*

*Mr L*