

Text A.10: Discussion

School uniforms

Identification

The issue of whether or not we should wear school uniforms is very important for us to consider. There are good reasons both for and against this.

Arguments For

Firstly, we need to consider the reasons why we should wear school uniforms. One reason is that school uniforms make life easier. They are also usually easy to clean and they save a lot of time and arguments in the morning because children know what to wear and where to find it. Another reason is that if you wear school uniform people don't know whether you come from a wealthy or poor family which can prevent teasing and discrimination in schools. They can also take away peer group pressure which can prevent stress and unhappiness at school.

Arguments Against

There are also some reasons why children should not have to wear school uniforms. Firstly, wearing exactly the same thing as everybody else, day after day can be boring and uninspiring. Sometimes children like to express themselves by wearing different clothes. School uniforms don't stop peer pressure. Unfortunately it is there all the time and children need to learn how to deal with it. Secondly, children need to have experience making decisions which concern them. If they don't they will never learn to make decisions as adults. The third reason is that school is supposed to be for learning not about being all the same. Making a fuss about uniform just takes away attention from the important things about school.

Conclusion/ Recommendation

In summary, although there are many advantages of wearing school uniforms, in the end the disadvantages outweigh these advantages. Therefore I think children should not be forced to wear school uniform.