**DO PARENTS HAVE THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD’S ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OR DOES THE CHILD’S TEACHER HAVE MORE INFLUENCE?**

Education is a ‘weapon’ **which can be used** to improve one’s life. Education affects people’s chances of employment. A highly educated individual is probably very likely to get a good job. For this reason **nowadays** going to high school or university has become **the norm**, but is it so essential?

Firstly, parents have direct interaction with **their** children and **they give their children** a sense of identification. They also play a very important role in **the development of the social skills** of the child. Moreover, adults are important role models for children **when it comes to** learning about the world of work. They influence what career their **children** choose by the way they talk about work at home, their overall satisfaction and pride in their work, and also the position and payment of their work. However, it should be noted that sometimes parents' expectations are different from their children’s.

On the other hand, teachers are definitely great shapers of children and influence what or how they will be in the future. Teachers who are able to inspire, support and provide appropriate care for their students certainly **have** a great impact **on** their lives. Teachers are able to understand children’s attitudes and so they help ~~kids~~ **their pupils** to succeed, get into good universities and become successful.

To sum up, the education of children is influenced by **both** their parents and their teachers. However, especially during the early years, family generally has more influence to shape a child’s identity. During adolescence, though, external factors may **play a more important role.** For example, it appears that the power of the peer group becomes more important when family relationships are not close or supportive.

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