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

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Teachers spend the entire morning with their **pupils**. The classroom is the space **where academic** development generally takes place. However, once children return home, parents substitute teachers. **Therefore**, who has more influence on them?

Perhaps parents **actually** have more influence on their children’s academic development than teachers because they spend the most **time** with them. They have the possibility to control them more than teachers ~~would~~ **do**. Moreover, parents know their children better than teachers do: they know how to treat them and spur them **on**. Finally, it is important to remember that parents **set examples of how to behave for their children.** ~~They~~ **Children** listen to them more than they ~~would~~ listen to their teachers.

However, it cannot be denied that teachers could have more influence than parents. This is because during **the school day**, children have no distractions. In this way, teachers have the chance to condition their process of knowledge in a positive way. Besides, children ~~have no confidence with~~ their teachers, and this makes them behave better and consequently to focus on their activities. On top of that, teachers are skilled and qualified in their subjects. They **can undoubtedly** provide more information about a topic than a parent can.

On balance, children are conditioned by both parents and teachers in their learning process. **It is important for a child to have both parents/family and teachers to guide them, as each of them can contribute to his/her progress in their own way with their precious advice**.