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We have discussed about these rules and here there are our thoughts.

1. Teachers should not be allowed to use red pens to correct exercises as this is psychologically harmful to students.

We disagree because we think that red pen helps students to remember their mistakes. Thanks to the red pen teachers and professors highlight mistakes and make students remember them.

1. Schoolchildren ought not to be given grades on tests, only general comments, so that they can’t compare themselves with other children.

We agree with this in part, because on one hand, grades generate competition among children but, on the other hand, thanks to grades teachers can understand the level of competence of each student and then subsequently help them to improve their skills and solve their difficulties and problems.

1. Secondary school teachers should never be made to teach more than four hours a day.

It is very difficult to become a secondary school teacher and so we disagree because we think that, after so much time and work to reach this position, we would like to work for about six hours (the duration of an entire school day).

1. Children don’t need to be ‘streamed’ at school. Stronger pupils can learn as much in a class with weaker pupils as they would with those of their own level.

We agree because we think that each person has different abilities and also different learning processes; so stronger pupils and weaker pupils can help each other and improve their knowledge.

1. Handwriting should no longer be taught at school, as it is irrelevant for children in the 21st century.

We completely disagree, because we believe that children need to perfect their handwriting in order to learn vowels and consonants. Furthermore, if you write something yourself, it is easier for you to remember it.

1. Competitive sport should be banned in schools, so that children’s self-esteem is not affected by losing.

We agree with this up to a certain point, because on one hand, it is true that competition contributes to the development of jealousy and rivalry among students; but, on the other hand, it is a good way to learn that in life you need to take a risk, to measure yourself and also to believe in your abilities.

1. Science teachers should be paid more than arts teachers as it is much harder to recruit them.

We do not agree with this statement because we think that both science and arts teachers are difficult to find and they should be considered on the same level. Studying art is as important as studying science, therefore we do not see a difference between these two disciplines and both science teachers and arts teachers must be paid in the same way.

1. Online learning and coursework can never totally replace traditional learning methods.

We agree in part because it is true that traditional learning methods are the most effective and successful ones, but sometimes online courses are the best option for students who cannot reach the school or, for example, in this difficult situation we are all currently going through. To conclude, both online learning and coursework and traditional learning methods are a great way for students to improve their knowledge.

1. The people who decide on new education laws should be teachers, not politicians.

We agree with this statement because only teachers, that is to say people with particular skills, knowledge and competence know what is best for students. Teachers are the ones who can understand the needs of their students, so we think new education laws would be welcomed if proposed by teachers rather than politicians.

1. Parents ought to reward their children for passing exams, for example with a cash payment.

We agree with this statement because we think that in doing so children can feel much more encouraged to do their best during these situations and it’s also a way to let them know that their parents are, in a way, proud of them. Maybe we wouldn’t reward them with a cash prize but we would give them something they have wanted for a while or something that they can enjoy.

1. Children shouldn’t have to memorise facts like multiplication tables and important historical dates, as the information is now instantly available on the internet.

Children should memorize all those things because it’s something that will increase their cultural background. Of course, they can seem difficult to learn especially when we are at the beginning of our school career and we are not used to learning so many difficult things. We believe that these things should be learnt without any kind of pressure, over time, maybe even in fun ways to make these things much easier and more enjoyable to learn.

1. A university course is supposed to be enjoyable, not just a route to a better job.

We absolutely agree also with this statement because we think that in order to succeed in life, in this case during an exam, things should be done as gently as possible. As far as we are concerned, we learn better when things are done without stress. We hate deadlines and pressure. We’d like to go to classes without anxiety, which stops us concentrating and understanding what is going on.