

Discuss advantages and disadvantages of homeschooling in relation to the coronavirus pandemic:

Homeschooling is a kind of substitute for school that was introduced due to the coronavirus pandemic, which led to school closures. Thus, homeschooling is often discussed among people, but what are the advantages and disadvantages of this? This will be discussed below.

First of all, teenagers have a hard time to master school subjects without a teacher's help. So, in the figurative sense, they have to be their own teachers and teach themselves, so to speak. For example, if students do not understand anything, they can usually contact their teachers and ask them questions, but this takes more time and can't meet in time. Therefore, students will need more effort and it can take a long time to achieve their tasks without direct contact with the teachers.

Another significant disadvantage is that as a student you no longer have a structure in the day and therefore have no regular everyday life. That means you don't have a specific time in which you know you have to do your tasks now and when the time is up you have free time and don't have to do anything anymore. In contrast, if you, e.g. have to go to school, you have to both sleep early and get up early and then you are at school and can see your friends. At home you do some homework and then you have your free time. Compared to homeschooling, you have no motivation to do the same.

Despite these disadvantages, the advantages of homeschooling shouldn't be forgotten. Firstly, you have the option to choose which tasks you want to do first and which you want to leave for later. Moreover, you have an overview and can, namely know how many tasks you have to do so that you can design your own lessons and plan your time as you want. Assuming you don't feel like doing the tasks of a particular subject, you can do, e.g. English instead, i.e. you don't have to stick to a schedule and you can do what you want (in relation to the subject). As a result nobody makes you do the tasks of a particular subject.

Secondly, because of the closure of schools that led to homeschooling, we can help protect our own health and stop the spread of the coronavirus. For instance, if we had to go to school, the situation would have gotten worse and the virus would spread more and more, which would of course be very bad. So, if one person among many people (pupils, teachers, ...) were infected with the virus, many others would become infected, these could then infect the people they meet outside of school and that (the coronavirus) would spread everywhere. Accordingly, we don't let the coronavirus spread faster due to homeschooling.

Weighing the pros and cons one comes to the conclusion that there are more convincing advantages than disadvantages to homeschooling. All in all, despite all the difficulties that can arise

during homeschooling, I think it is more important to protect our health and prevent the virus from spreading faster as long as we can still study at home so that we don't miss anything. Although I have some of my tasks (like Maths and English) explained by my sister, I am still eager to go to school and I still miss my friends and teachers, but most of all I miss a "normal" class with them. In addition, I miss the direct and personal conversation during class.

