

Dear Mrs McClure,

I am writing to you to discuss the matter of having work set on Teams on a snow day. I am thoroughly disheartened by the thought of having to attend virtual school on such a rare occasion. I have many points that I will endeavour to make to try and persuade you to consider my suggestions.

My first point is the fact that the dazzling snow we all love is becoming scarcer. The problem of global warming, that is slowly heating up our planet, has meant that snowfall is becoming more unlikely to be seen. This is why I believe the ever-diminishing likelihood of snow means we must relish the scant amount we do get. Afterall, it may be the last snow we see in the south of England.

Secondly, there is the matter of what will happen if virtual school does go ahead. Whilst the school is to be commended for providing such a high quality of teaching online in extreme circumstances (such as the recent COVID 19 pandemic), I would argue that such a rare and uplifting event as a day of snow should warrant a day of freedom to enjoy it. Otherwise, we will be sitting, fixed to a screen all day, growing cold, and both our bodies and brains will become numb. You seem to be forgetting the way a child's mind works; most boys will be gazing out the window at the unfolding beauty outside, rather than concentrating on any lessons provided. Frustration will quickly build on both sides. It will be a lost cause, wasting both pupils' and teachers' time.

You are probably concerned about the valuable learning time that may be lost. Pupils may miss out on key information that must be learnt. I am proposing that if we are unable to attend school for a prolonged period of time, then we should return to virtual school. Going on past experience, snow rarely lasts more than a day or two in this part of the country, so we should have time off to enjoy it fully. If we do miss out on major pieces of work, there is the option of catching up by working overtime on the following days.

Finally, the younger generation are often accused of being increasingly disconnected from the natural world. What better way to re-connect than by simply being outside, enjoying the elements in one of its purest forms? There is also the added benefit of heightening our fitness levels and filling our lungs with sweet, crisp, fresh air. Surely this is better than virtual school?

In conclusion, I realise that learning is vital, however, I sincerely believe that we can manage a day without education for this wonderful sight. We need to make this dream a reality.

Kind regards,

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