

You are to write an article discussing the following question, 'Should children wear school uniform?' This must be set out in paragraphs and you are to give arguments both FOR and AGAINST school uniforms. Begin by thinking about this and then plan a list of points (approximately 3 of each) for and against. I have attached a planning sheet for you to use.

There is some guidance with each paragraph to help you to organise your work, but you **shouldn't copy it word for word** as the paragraphs are not fully developed and are a GUIDE ONLY.

SHOULD CHILDREN WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM?

Begin with an opening paragraph which gives a clear view from you.

For example:

School uniform should be banned! Generations of children have said this, and the debate has been going on for decades although many people feel that school uniform is a very good thing. Sadly, the discussion is still going on and in this article, I am going to look at points both for and against the dreaded school uniform. (You can tell straight away that the writer does not agree with school uniform).

Write three further paragraphs looking at a point for school uniform and a counter argument against and then the conclusion. Remember to use vocabulary such as: on the other hand, although, however, whereas.

For example:

Firstly, school uniform can be very smart. Visitors to school are frequently impressed with the colourful, blue jumpers and neat ties. Also, children feel like they belong as the uniform gives them the sense of community – being a child of that school. It also takes away the

issues of potential bullying or being made to feel inferior to others as all children are wearing exactly the same clothing – nobody can wear designer expensive clothes. Therefore, a feeling of being equal is achieved.....etc.etc....

On the other hand, children do not feel like they are individuals whilst in uniform and are unable to create a style of their own. Sadly, even shorts (short like skirts) have been banned in school and shirts and ties are far from practical, which brings me to my next point...

The final paragraph is a conclusion of your findings which includes your own opinion backed up by the strong reasons you have given in your previous two paragraphs. Try to finish with a rhetorical question which will make the reader think.

For example:

In conclusion, (GIVE YOUR OPINIONS HERE) I feel that school uniform is impractical, troublesome and not suitable for work in schools (especially art and DT, but most of all playtimes). I think that until the teachers wear a uniform; why should we?

Try to link your paragraphs with phrases to open such as:

Firstly, secondly, furthermore, in addition, moreover.

Draft your writing first. Then read it carefully looking for any spelling errors or missing punctuation. Look for ways that you can improve your writing. Then go through the success criteria and see that you have included all the necessary features.

When you are completely satisfied that this is the very best that you can do write it in your best handwriting or type it up and send it in! Good luck and be a writer!