

Some people believe that children's leisure activities must be educational, otherwise they are a complete waste of time.

Do you agree or disagree?

You should write at least 250 words.

Today, education has become a priority for many parents seeking to secure a good future for their children in this rapidly changing world. They believe that if their children apply themselves and work hard at school, then they will increase their opportunities for going to higher education and eventually getting a good job. I completely disagree that the leisure activities at school must be educational.

To commence, it is true that children have to make the best of their study time when they are young. However, the parents who do not allow their children sufficient free time for leisure activities outside school hours, are misguided. Such activities are far from being a waste of time for the children simply because they are not academic. It is important to remember that children need to develop skills other than intellectual ones, and the best way to do this is through activities such as sports, games and playing with other kids.

Furthermore, if they cannot play make-believe games, they will not be able to develop their imagination, learn physical co-ordination or learn important social lessons about winning and losing if they do not practise any sports. Many children form strong, personal relationships with the friends they play with, and without the opportunity to do this, they could grow up emotionally immature or unformed.

Besides this, other people feel that if the free time activities are not related to studies, they are a complete waste of time as they are not serving any purpose. Education related activities help in the overall development of a child and strengthens the intellectual skills. For example, leisure activities like novel reading, etc.

Finally, I think it is also important to remember that children need to relax as well as work. If everything they do must have some educational or academic relevance, then they will soon get tired of studying altogether, which is the last thing parents would want.