Some people think that teachers at school are more responsible for children’s intellectual and social development than parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree? What is your personal opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

SAMPLE 01.

Children are the future of a country. Keeping that in mind, governments have invested heavily to the development of education systems. Hence, some might think that parents now play less important roles than teachers in children’s intellectual and social development. However, this viewpoint is not adequate and this essay will present the reasons for that.

First of all, parents are the people who will guide their children for the rest of their lives. Regardless of which school children go, parents always stay side by side with them. Because of this intimate relationship, children usually have a tendency to learn from their parents. They imitate their parents’ behaviors since they believe their parents always do the right things. Hence, parents still play a significant role in their children development.

Secondly, teaching is also an occupation that has got its own office hours. In other words, teachers normally perform their duties such as transferring knowledge to their students within their office hours. In addition, they can only teach students what is on the schedule and in the curriculum. Beyond that, it is totally the jobs of parents to teach their children how to behave in the society.

Furthermore, parents are liable for their children’s behaviors. Because of this, it is fair to say that parents should be more responsible for the development of their children. Teachers can only help students to distinguish what is right and wrong. However, fixing teenagers’ attitudes and behaviors still relies in the efforts of their parents.

All in all, it is clear that parents play as significant roles as teachers in children’s intellectual and social development.
SAMPLE 02.

Most children have two main educators in their lives— their parents and teachers, both of them play crucial roles in their growth. However, it is controversial on whether teachers have more responsibilities to this than parents. My personal view is that the obligation of educating children should be definitely taken by schooling with teachers instead of parents.

Undoubtedly, educators at school have more time to stay with children than parents, which means that they have more opportunities to understand what students think about and what they want to pursue. In many countries, children are required to stay at school for five days out of a week, in which teachers can impart theoretical knowledge and practical skills to students to help them improve their intelligence. Meanwhile, children can enhance their social skills by learning how the teaching staff solves conflicts between students. By contrast, parents are at a disadvantage in terms of time and energy because most of them are doing a full-time job to earn a living and raise their children. Since the main aim of educators is to foster the next generation, teachers should hold more responsible for children’s cultivation.

Another reason is that teaching staff are more professional in terms of promoting children’s intelligence and interpersonal skills that parent. Before becoming an eligible teacher, one need to experience arduous and long training so that is easy to understand children’s psychological activities and needs. Such an experience enables them more suitable and competent to teach children effectively and productively. Compared to these professionals, many parents even do not know how to train their ‘apples’ and what they do usually is to buy them study items they need and to allow them do as they please.

To conclude, although children’s intellectual and social development should depend more on teacher, parents who act as the first teachers are also in duty bound.