

IELTS Writing Task 2 Sample 044

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In many countries schools are open before and after normal hours so children of working parents can stay longer at school. Do you think there are more advantages or disadvantages to this approach?

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

You should write at least 250 words.

In today's society, people are sometimes expected to work for longer hours. It is also common to see some have to drop their children at school very early in the morning so they can go to work on time. Hence, in many countries, schools are expected to open well before and after normal office hours to accommodate this rising demand. This approach has both advantages and disadvantages. However, it is personally believed that its advantages can outweigh the disadvantages.

Firstly, this trend is a demand of today's society. It is inevitable that some people have to work for longer hours. Because of this reason, they have no choice but letting their kids stay in school longer. If there is no such a service, they have to let their children go to school by themselves which can be very dangerous in many unsafe areas. Hence, it is undeniable that this is one of the biggest advantages of opening schools for longer than office hours.

On the contrary, this approach can negatively affect children's health. It has been scientifically proven that long working hours can cause severe stress to human, especially to children. If this is misused, it can hammer the development of children, especially their mental development.

In my opinion, this approach's benefits outweigh its disadvantages. The only problem is that it has to be stringently monitored by schools to avoid situations in which parents can misuse this service and let their children stay for long hours every day.

In a nutshell, schools should be encouraged to open before and after normal hours. Even though this has more advantages, people should be aware that staying too long in school is not good for their children's development.