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Home Schooling Jumps 75%

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- 1 With the pandemic situation causing disruption in every corner of our society, an increasing number of parents are turning to Home-Schooling as a way to combat some - if not all - the negatives.
- 2 So, what are the negatives and can they be neutralised by this radical step to tutor our children - and the next generation - at home.
- 3 One serious negative was highlighted in a recent blog by a 16yr old student. [April's story](#) about the effect the whole C-19 regime has had on her - as delivered in the frontline by her schoolteachers - is heart breaking. We wonder just how many children feel the same as April. We all have to remember that children are just like us, but younger. Too often they bottle their feelings and emotions to the point it causes them both physical and mental harm. And on that, there is no shortage of statistics.
- 4 Then there is the business of trying to learn and interact with teachers when one or both are muzzled. Communication in such an environment is not easy and is certainly not ideal.
- 5 Then there is the widely held belief that masks don't work anyway, but children and teachers have been forced to wear them regardless. Couple this accepted view, with the fact that - according to statistics - children are most unlikely to be compromised by the virus in any way - even if they were to come into contact with it. These two points form a backdrop to a child's feelings - if not knowledge - about what is right or what is logical. Teenagers are as competent as any other reasonably informed adult, to read between the lines of the official narrative.
- 6 Last in this short - but powerful - list of negatives is this. The school day has been seriously disrupted over the last 16mths. Whilst schools have done their best to cope with all the demands placed upon them by our elected officials, effectively doing summersaults to comply with the multitude of directives from HQ centre - they have not been able to achieve what is needed. That is smooth, effective, well delivered education across a wide spectrum of subjects.
- 7 So, the answer for many parents has been to turn away from the long-held belief that the state school system is best. It is a state school system which attempts to treat every child the same - when as individuals they are born to be different. Couple this with the fact that those children needing special or modified tuition are not getting it - for one reason or another - and perhaps the writing is on the wall.

- 8 Before taking the step to separate from the state school system, parents will have researched all the workable and affordable alternatives. The same parents will also have researched all the advantages of Home-Schooling - and there are many!
- 9 What we are expecting to see over the coming months - irrespective of what happens with the pandemic and how the elected officials determine among themselves the strategy to deal with it - is a serious change ahead. CONNECT expects to see a continuation of the drift away from the state system as more and more parents take control of their children's education. In fact, the minister for education - Gavin Williamson - is expecting the same drift. He is about to instigate a registration system for home-tutored children.
- 10 With a recent jump of 75% in children being home-tutored - perhaps Gavin Williamson is expecting something more than a drift. Perhaps he has looked deeply at his crystal ball and seen an exodus. Radical changes in society often happen just like that. Who remembers the Berlin Wall event of 1989?
- 11 The truth is, that home-schooling is not the perfect solution. There are naturally downsides and the list of them is easily assembled. It is a solution, however, now being thought of by an increasing number of parents - and their children - as the better solution.

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