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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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We are a retired couple with eight grandchildren, three of whom are home educated. When our daughter undertook the education of her three children we were initially sceptical, never having had any contact with, or knowledge of, home schooled children.

Over the years, we have become increasingly impressed with the progress of these children. They have a wide circle of friends, with whom they share a variety of activities apart from academic studies, including drama, choir, music and martial arts, gymnastics and other physical activities, including team sports. All are literate, outgoing and in our opinion and in the opinion of contemporaries of ours who have come into contact with them, extremely well adjusted.

We have another grandchild with severe learning difficulties. He was home schooled by his mother for several years which enabled him to join a special needs class in a public school which could not have happened had he not been closely nurtured through being home schooled in those early years.

In our opinion, home schooling has been a very positive experience for our grandchildren and we support it wholeheartedly.