

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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My cousin began home schooling her children about 10 years ago. Over these years I have been able to observe how her children were developing in both a social and academic way. This was the first time I knew of a home schooling family and I enjoyed learning about what it involves.

I have been impressed by the effort that my cousin puts into developing an education programme for her children. In addition to the normal bookwork which they do at home, her children participate in a number of regular classes as well as going on excursions with other home schooled children. I was surprised to learn that sports carnivals were an annual event attracting close to 150 children.

The children are lovely. They are happy, confident, and well mannered. I find that they interact wonderfully with my children and their other cousins when we get together.

Through conversations with my cousin over the many years and watching the children, I have learned a lot about what a home schooled child experiences. I can confidently say that home schooling offers many benefits to a child.