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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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I am an 11-year-old home-schooled student and I want home schooling to stay because it is the safest, calmest, smartest, school to go to.

It is safe because there is no bullying, if you go to a school you can get bullied every day. And it is a safe place because there are no strangers to hurt or put you in a dangerous situation. If you are at home you are safe because you're with your family, and you're in a safe well -protected place.

The reason home schooling is calmer than school is that there is less distraction. At school, other kids around you can be distracting. There are lots of noises that can make it harder to learn, and you can also get teased or made fun of.

The first reason that makes home-schooled kids a bit smarter is that my teacher has time to help me and be there with me if I'm finding something hard or confusing. If you find something hard or confusing at school the teacher can't be there to help you because there is so many kids to look after. The second reason is that we can learn more in a day then a school kid does. We can get through subjects quicker because there are less of us. My teacher (my Mum) reads history to us, then we have our own history books to read, and we also have crafts that involve what we are learning. We also have lots of really good programs that work as reinforcement for what are learning.

I have a lot of friends that go to public and catholic schools and when I talk about home schooling they say, "You are so lucky, I wish I was homeschooled". My three siblings and I all love it. So please make it easier for my Mum to keep home schooling, she does a really good job. Thank you.