

TEC 2017

Questionnaire: Martian Anthropologists Investigating Schools on Earth.

Please help us carry out our research. We find schools very confusing and we don't really understand how they work or what they are for. There are so many bells, timetables, sitting up, hands up, screaming in playgrounds but not in classrooms. If you can make further suggestions or can add questions to our survey, that would also help us. Please add diagrams to explain schools to us:

1. What happens in schools?
2. What are timetables and why do you have them? Do you have timetables for life outside school?
3. Why do you keep ringing bells?
4. We notice that teachers keep saying 'lámha suas' and then you put up your hands. We don't understand why. What is going on?
5. Why do children stay still most of the time whilst teachers move around?
6. Why do teachers have comfortable chairs and children have hard wooden chairs?
7. Why can't children go for walks and chat when they feel like it?
8. Why are boys and girls in classes of same age group?
9. Who chooses what subjects are to be studied and why? Is it your Great Leader who decides?
10. Why are the classrooms and schools rectangles? Why do schools look the same?
11. Why can't you have a sleep when you feel tired?
12. Why can't you play if you feel bored?
13. Why do you have to sit at a desk?
14. Why do you have to move everywhere in lines?
15. What are the rules and what happens if you break the rules?
16. Why do you all wear the same clothes?
17. Why do children have to learn things? What would happen if there were no schools?
18. Who is allowed to speak?
19. Why is everyone busy all the time?
20. We notice children change when in different places. Why do children behave differently outside school, inside school and in the playground?
21. Who has power in schools? Why? How?