

**It is important to ensure that children with a wide range of abilities and from a variety of social backgrounds mix with each other at school.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reason for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

It is sometimes argued that mixing children with different abilities and social backgrounds should be the key part of every educational system. I completely agree that this approach would be more beneficial to children's growth process.

Firstly, studying in an environment consisting of different pupils in terms of their abilities encourages a sense of co-operation. While studying in these settings, children learn how, despite differences, each individual is a part of a bigger entity, our society, which would be responsible for developing a country as a whole. Our society would not improve unless co-operating were effectively built into an individual's mentality. In a classroom, a student with high skill in math can help weaker students, while getting help from his peer in English which he is not good at. Furthermore, nowadays not only are employers more eager to recruit people who feel comfortable in teams but also they are more likely to be satisfied with their jobs.

Also, it is even more important to raise our children with respect and understanding toward people with different social backgrounds. Different religions and races are an inevitable part of each community. If we expected mutual understanding and peaceful behavior between religions, children should be taught and trained from an early age to see these differences as an opportunity, not a threat. In the Middle East, for example, we witness a longstanding conflict between Muslims and Jews. If children in this region were raised in schools together, we might enjoy a far more peaceful environment in next generation as they would not consider their peers with different religion as a foe.

In conclusion, I would argue that streaming students predicated on any factors either their ability or social status is discriminatory, and we should not practice nor promote it in schools.