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LI - write a balanced argument about staying at home during a pandemic

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Dear Mr Pear,

Today I have given you this letter to inform you about staying at home during this crisis, whether it is good or not. Although the opinions of this are mixed there are valuable reasons for both, please read the information below to find out more about why we should and shouldn't stay at home during this pandemic.

Safety-
To begin with, the main reason we stay at home is for our own safety. The way this virus spread is by making contact with people with the disease or inhaling the germs from sneezing and coughing, as Covid-19 is airborne. Consequently, staying at home will cause you to make less contact with people, lowering your chance of getting it. Because we have to stay at home, you won't be able to go to public places which keeps you safer. Therefore there are lower amount of cases and families won't have to go through the pain of losing a very important person to them. Like my family has gone through.

Loss of jobs-
On the other hand, due to the staying at home restriction, the company's that cannot work from home are forced to close their business as no customers can buy anything at those places. If you can't uphold your business then many workers will lose their jobs as they can't work from home so they will not earn money. Soon making the company go bankrupt. This concludes to families not having enough money to pay taxes and rent, maybe even ending up to the time where they can't buy food for their children!

NHS-
Alternatively, if we make less contact with people by staying at home fewer people will have to be treated at the hospitals which means it won't be so crowded. Furthermore, it will put less pressure on our NHS heroes which, in my point of view, will help them work more efficiently since some people may not work the best under pressure. So if there are fewer people that are sick the National Health Service (NHS) will be more relieved and less stressed.

Children's education-
In contrast, children are having to do online work which decreases the understanding of lessons, making it harder to understand new things. Moreover, at home, some pupils may not have the access to devices they can work on, so they will not be able to participate in their school work to continue their education (while being stuck at home). Also, teachers will not have the power they have at school as they won't have the ability to track children progress or make sure the class is paying attention as on some Zoom/Google meetings as hey can be hiding phones or just not paying attention.

In conclusion, I believe staying at home has its advantages and disadvantages. It keeps you safe yet also concludes in the loss of jobs, it helps NHS although still makes an impact on children's education. Whichever way we have to work together to keep us all safe. What do you think about this now? Should or shouldn't we stay at home? Which is safer?

Best wishes, Eiliyah Ali