

Argument and Debate Transcript:

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, my name is Pat O'Keefe and you are most welcome to this afternoon's debate on the provision of playtime for school children.

As the parent of a small baby with an interest in child safety, I am here today to argue for the motion that playtime should be banned.

For a long time, children in primary schools have been allowed time to play, but I believe that they do not need this time.

The most important reason for banning playtime is that it is a waste of work time. In fact, studies across the world claim that children need to spend more time on their English or Maths work. Nobody could argue with the importance of these subjects and the more time spent by children immersed in them, the better.

In addition to this, playtimes are extremely dangerous. Little children get knocked over by bigger children and hit by balls. Most injuries to children at school happen during playtime.

Finally, playtimes are terrible for teachers. Many teachers complain about being too old to run around and that they get very cold outside. Furthermore, teachers often give out about having to miss out on a cup of tea and a chat with other teachers. The poor things!

Therefore, I believe it would be best if playtimes were banned. You are a really smart audience and I know that you will agree with my points. I hope that you will consider my proposal.