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To whom it may concern

With this email I would like to express my concern and disagreement with the proposed changes in legislation. I do not agree with the following points in particular:

- planning and reporting on the national curriculum
- demonstrating progress in every subject, every year
- that it has to be demonstrated that home schooling is in the best interest of the child.

I have a degree in Engineering and worked as maths tutor for years 5-12 and 1st year of uni. My experience with the children in this time showed me that they have no deep understanding of the basic building blocks of numeracy and that those holes affects their understanding straight through their educational years. Even older years could do very little maths in their heads - which is what everyone should be able to apply in their everyday lives at least.

Our family has therefore opted OUT of the curriculum for our children. I am taking the time to ensure that they understand the basics, that they understand how to apply maths to their lives and that they have self confidence in maths and general numeracy.

In my experience the curriculum also does not foster a love of literature or learning - another aspect that our family focuses on heavily. Our children are surrounded by books they love and have no qualms about looking up what they are interested in.

Since the national curriculum could never focus on a child so individually, so my children would be worse off adhering to it.

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