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Good morning,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]. If this is published could I please have my name left out of it due to the sensitive details mentioned.

I am writing to advise that I do not agree with the proposed changes and I truly believe it will actually negatively impact a huge portion of homeschooling children.

We don't want to use the national curriculum because my daughter suffers from anxiety which she is medicated for and she puts an extreme amount of pressure on herself unless she is following a topic she is truly passionate about like animals. Watching her learn, research, write reports, create art work and songs all revolving around the animals she is passionate about is absolutely beautiful to watch! She is incredibly clever but when she's put into a box of sit down learn this all she sees is the things she can not achieve and she begins to doubt and honestly hate herself, which is heartbreaking to see. We homeschooled through HEU for year 1 and my daughter flourished she went from all negative talk to "i am so smart" that was something I had never heard her say during her first year of schooling it was all negative talk and from a very little 6 year old! My daughter then returned to school for year 2 and year 3 however again her anxiety got worse.

This year we have returned back to homeschooling this time through distance Ed after trying being back at school due to her anxiety spiking again and hearing constant "I'm stupid, I hate me and even talks about not wanting to be alive" as a parent that crushes you". Upon giving distance Ed a go we are very likely going to swap back to HEU because again the amount of pressure she is putting on herself is negatively impacting her quality of life. Do I want my child to be smart and achieve wonderful things in this life ABSOLUTELY! But she will never ever achieve these wonderful things if she doesn't not believe in herself and to believe in herself she needs to be able to learn her way, in her time and following her passions!

Thank you for taking the time to read this I know it was a lot and you may not feel you need to know about the personal side of our story, however I believe it is a key part in understanding why it is so important to give families the freedom to follow their child's lead and teach them all the incredible things the world has to offer, personalised to each individual child.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone