

Dear Teacher

I am very worried about my son, Gavin. He came home from school the other day and told his father and me some strange things. Why is he doing all this science stuff by himself?? When I was at school, our teacher told us all about it and then we wrote down what the teacher said. You teachers don't do enough writing practice. Instead you let them set fire to things and then they burn their clothes.

For goodness sake! Gavin is only eleven and he should not play with matches. Why do you let them set fire to things like material and wool and wood? What is it for? It might even be dangerous. What if there are fumes which choke them? In any case, Gavin burned his school jersey – and his fringe!!! Do you know what hairdressing costs? And I had to mend his jersey with grey wool.

You should have put him in detention and you should have given him some nice handwriting to do. Maybe you should also give him a smack! When we were at school we got a smack for not listening and for talking. Gavin says they are allowed to TALK! What are schools coming to?

I hope this kind of thing will not happen again. I do not want to hear any more stories about trying things out for themselves. Teachers must tell the children all about things.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Gundlks

P.S. Gavin likes coming to school these days. He does not cry in the mornings any more.