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## School rules!

Put a mark on the lines below to show what you think about things at your school.

Your school

Simply the best

Yuck!

School lunch

Yum, yum!

I feel sick

Assembly

I love it

Yawn!

English

I want more

I want less

Maths

Easy

Can't work it out

Break time

Yippee!

Bor-ing!

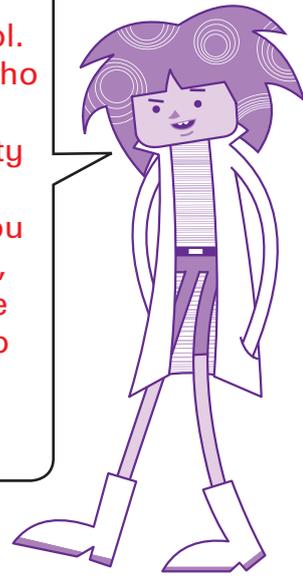
What are the best things about your school? Write or draw them here.

Why do you go to school?

What would you do if you didn't go to school?



Around the world, people are trying to make sure that all children go to school. But there are still 58 million children who are missing out on school because of wars, lack of schools, poverty, disability and other reasons. Have a think about why going to school is important to you – and why it is important for everyone, everywhere to go to school. Then write a letter to the government. Ask them to do what they can to make sure that all children in the world can go to school.



### Have your say

Write a letter to the government. You could say what you have been learning about and ask that the government keeps its promise.

My school address:

Date:

Dear

Yours sincerely



## Guljan's story



This is Guljan. Her name means 'heart of the flower'. When Christian Aid met up with Guljan, she was nine years old and living in a village called Khanghozak, in Afghanistan, with her brother and sisters.

About 450 people live in Khanghozak. The village is an hour's drive from the nearest paved road.

In remote places, like Khanghozak, it is often hard to get an education, because even the nearest schools are very far away.

Everybody in Guljan's village helped out with the chores. Guljan helped her dad look after their animals. She said, 'I help with the goats and sheep, and take them to pasture to eat grass. I wash the dishes, sweep the floor and play with my little sister. I also go and collect water because the water here is salty. Every day we have to go all the way to Dughi [two hours away] to get water. All the girls go together by donkey.'

But although she was busy helping out at home, Guljan thought it was important to go to school as well. Because Khanghozak doesn't have its own school, Guljan went to a special literacy class, so that she could learn to read and write.

The classes were run by a local organisation called Women's Activities and Social Services Association (WASSA), and supported by the charity Christian Aid. Christian Aid thinks that it's important that both boys and girls get an education.

Guljan loved her literacy class. She said, 'I want to be a teacher... and I want to teach a mixed class of girls and boys. It is important for both boys and girls to go to school. I have learnt to read and write, and now I am teaching my brother at home as well.'