

Reply to Article on Children Concentration by The Independent

Children shouldn't be solely blamed for the fact that they don't have very good concentrating skills; there are other factors that affect this. For example, if a teacher doesn't have very good skills in engaging the children to make a lesson fun, then children are obviously not going to enjoy that subject and may lose concentration. A further reason for children's concentration skills to be lacking could be due to a childhood where electronic gadgets are a way of life, unlike their parents and grandparents for whom books and television were part of their daily life.

The new era of social media is here to stay and children can be very focused when on social media sites. In addition, when children are gaming, they continue on their games until they win or succeed to a new level or high score, showing resilience and perseverance. Perhaps social media and gaming sites could be used to help educationalists come up with studies to find out how they could be used to help children in schools.

Not only could teachers be blamed, but parents, could also have a part in this, as children are left to their own devices at home, while parents are working long hours. This means they are not supervising the children or making conversation with them. Allowing children to take control of their evenings, which could lead to using social networking sites that are possibly not for their age.

Although Facebook is sometimes used by users as young as 8 it does mean they are, reading, writing and learning about society around them. We cannot turn the clocks back, however parents need to think more about family values and the education system needs to move into the social media age. This will help us to find ways of bringing about better concentration skills in the classroom, as it does work when children are on their own on social media sites.

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