

This House Would Encourage Children To Strike For Climate Change

The campaigners behind the 2019 school climate change strikes say 1.9 million went on strike and didn't attend school during the protest days this year.

Some schools encouraged their students to strike, but some schools punished pupils for missing a day of school.

Other schools said it would be better for students to stay in school and to learn about more effective ways to campaign.

KEY VOCABULARY: STRIKE

Strike (noun)

A strike is when a group of employees refuse to work, usually as a form of protest, in an attempt to get their employer to agree to certain demands.

Children generally don't work, so instead they can strike by not attending school. The difference is that children want politicians to listen to them, not their schools and teachers.

- Did you or anyone you know strike this year?
- Are children responsible for climate change?
- Is climate change more important than children's education?
- Is this a good way to get politicians to listen and do something about climate change?
- Do you think children can change the world?
- Did the school strikes allow children to learn more about climate change and politics?
- Did children miss important learning time?
- What should teachers do about these strikes?
- What else could children do instead of going on strike?
- When should these strikes stop?
- Does every child have to strike?
- Would parents be happy with their children if they went on strike?