This is Chloe (7DBi) English work she submitted this week.

Chloe completed her letter, asked for advice, and then acted on the advice. I am really impressed with the quality of her work and her desire to improve and make it better.

Mr Smith

Dear Editor,

After reading your recent publication on Teenagers becoming too reliant on their technology, I felt obliged to contact you. As a teacher during this time, I disagree with your argument. Teenagers desperately need technology while we are all working from home; I feel that it is good for the students' mental health to be able to keep in touch with their school friends while they can not meet, and it can be a great source of entertainment. I understand that some amount may spend a large period of time on devices but it does not necessarily always have a negative effect. I am hoping to change your opinion on this subject. Will you please consider my arguments?

I believe that in order to prevent our pupils from becoming overwhelmed by work and the issue that is happening at the moment, we must ensure that they are able to socialize with their friends by technology. This is good for their mental health; it keeps them talking and makes sure that they are being safe. The students need to understand that even though they can not go out and physically see someone, there are still ways for them to contact others. Some people may need help during these times that they are stuck at home and therefore need to know who they could talk to.

Another point is that while our schools are shut, students are being forced to work from home. They need to know how to complete their work as practically all of it is done using technology. Teenagers have to be able to contact teachers: if they need help, when they complete work or just if they need someone to talk to. We need to know what level our pupils are at as it will affect them later on. Technology can be used for educational purposes as well.

Teenagers are relying a lot more on technology at the moment but it is easily argued that it is not their fault. During this time, they are forced to rely on technology for their school work. My latest research shows that 2 in 3 students who are currently home schooling with no technology will suffer disadvantage when we return to school. A few months ago, David Attenborough said 'Technology in this century is rapidly improving. But the use of it is becoming dangerous for both the minds of younger generations and our planet.' I would like to point out that David Attenborough uses technology for much of his research across the world yet claims he is against the use of it! Also I do not agree that it is becoming dangerous for the world or the brain. I believe that technology helps us. We can use technology for research and it can allow us to know what we can do to help save the world. Technology can be used to educate younger minds on the planet and anything else.

Even though teenagers are on technology more at the moment, it could end in a positive way. When they are given back full freedom, they will rely even less on technology than they did already. I am hoping that from this you will understand why I disagree.

Yours sincerely, Mr Pickles.