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Should August Pullman go to school?

August is not like most 10 year old kids. He does not go to school, but instead he is homeschooled. This is because August has Teachers Collins Syndrome, which affects the face in many ways. For example it can affect the jaw, nose, ears, and even eyes. The question is, will people like him? Will he fit in? And the most important question... Should August go to school?

No one can deny, that August is not getting his educational requirements in some subjects. This is because August's mother is not a qualified to teach any subject on the school curriculum. Like Maths, History, English and even Science (his favourite subject). For his future this could not be beneficial at all. In fact, this could ruin his life!

Life in school is hard for normal looking kids, but it will be even harder for him. Mainstream is not designed for the hard of hearing, but with homeschooling August's mother can teach him 1 to 1. This gives August the help he needs that mainstream can not provide. Think about this. August is in a class with 30 other kids (on average). People who are very loud and annoying and irritating and teachers who will not notice him. In addition to his educational requirements, August needs to learn how to socialise. August does not have many acquaintances at home. He only has 3 friends, but they barely talk now. It would really push August out of his comfort zone and it would help him grow as a person.

On the other hand, acquaintances can be horrible towards people who are different. August could get bullied, beaten up, or even worse isolated. August could be like a lamb to slaughter.

In conclusion I think that August Pullman should go to school. Even though people may bully him for how he looks, August will have friends who will look past his looks, past his outer shell. And they will look at him as him. His mother is not qualified to teach, but the teacher will shift the lessons so it works for him, so he could have the right education for him.

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August Pullman is a loveable ten year old boy, who has a condition called Treacher Collins syndrome. This condition is extremely rare, almost no one ever gets Treacher Collins syndrome. This condition affects your facial features. This has never stopped August from being a cheerful lad, but because of this August has never attended school his whole life, only homeschooled by his mother. But his parents want him to go, but would school be the wisest decision? And in August's best interest?

Homeschooling is not as beneficial as a real life school. Not beneficial because August's mother is not qualified as a teacher, therefore she can not teach all the real education he should be learning at school. Every child needs school, even if they hate it, so by stripping August of school - I will do more harm than good.

However, if August went to school he'll possibly be behind everyone else. He might not match up to other kids because he's been homeschooled. Plus the classes are a maximum of around 30 kids, will August survive that many kids being taught?

In addition to his education, August needs to be around other kids and make friends. He does have a best friend but his best friend lives in another city. But August may not be popular amongst his peers - probably because of his appearance. Attending school will allow children to see past August's and see he is a normal boy but with a different face.

Looking at it another way kids are cruel. And it could be said that sending August to school would be like sending a lamb to the slaughter. Kids might make fun of his appearance, he could possibly be mentally tortured and could be treated like virus that'll infect you if you touch it. So is it fair to add to his traumatic experiences by him sending him to the slaughter?

In conclusion, August should attend school for his social and educational needs. Because he desperately needs to socialize with other peers but he also has to go school because they are certain things his mother can't teach him. On the other hand new school is hard another without having Teacher-Collins Syndrome, so it must be noted he will be more vulnerable to bullying because of his appearance. He could also be less intelligent leading to him to be unable to do certain school work at school.

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