

ENGLISH WRITING TASK INSTRUCTIONS

Below is an extract from The Sutton Guardian newspaper. In this extract, we learn that a new 'Games Garden' has opened at the St. Nicholas Centre in Sutton.

You have 35 minutes to read the extract and write a letter to your Head Teacher. You must persuade him or her to arrange a trip for all of the Year 5 students who have been doing extra work in preparation for secondary school.

In your letter, please:

- Include exactly where the Games Garden is and which facilities are available;
- Explain what happened when Gramead Juniors visited;
- Explain why it might be good for Year 5 students at your school;
- Think of some other reasons why such a trip would be a good idea.

You should draw the information and opinions from the text below, but you should write in your own words.

You will need to use your imagination to make it a sufficiently long and detailed letter.

We also want to see that you can write in accurate Standard English, so you should take care to write in full sentences.

You do not need to include any addresses or dates at the top of your letter. You should start your letter with "Dear".

You should sign off the letter from "a concerned pupil".

The extract reads.....

A new 'games garden' has been opened at the St Nicholas Centre in Sutton as around 30 schoolchildren tried out the new facility.

The facility has a mix of games and activities – from table tennis, to pool, to videogames consoles which include the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4.

It's on the ground floor of the centre, open to people of all ages.

A group of 10-year-olds from Gramead Junior School, in Gramead Road, were invited to try out the new facility.

Assistant Head Teacher Paula Jones said: "Our children thoroughly enjoyed their session at the new games garden - it's a great place for children of mixed ages to interact together and try new games."

"Lots of the children had never played pool or snooker before so definitely came away with some new skills. They especially loved the air hockey table which brought out some of their competitive sides."

The 'games garden' opened to the public on September 29, and visitors pay £1 to play on each of the items.

Then 20 percent of proceeds are donated to a charity, Sutton Shopmobility.

St Nicholas Centre director Gavin Waller said: "We are delighted to deliver this unique concept, which we hope our customers will love."

"The fun space offers both friends and families the chance to spend some quality time together without breaking the bank."

Remember you have 35 minutes for this task.

You might choose to make a plan for the letter first.

Your letter should be written on your own paper. Do not type in the box below.