Write a piece of persuasive writing about lockdown. Do you think it should carry on? Or do you think it should end? Persuade us!

Please email or Tweet us your completed argument.

How can you help your writing stand out?

- Read the example below. We think you will find it very persuasive!
- Read what these scientists think about the easing of lockdown.
- Watch this <u>news clip</u> about going back to school. Do you think it looks safe?
 Use some of the information and opinions in your writing.
- Make sure you use paragraphs to help structure your argument. You can complete this lesson if you're not sure how to use them.

Looking for a challenge? Write in the passive voice.

- Use brackets to help extend your sentences.
- Use some of the techniques in this article.

Questions for you to think about:

- Does my writing make sense?
- Would it persuade someone to agree with you?

Report into the Proposal to allow all teachers a free supply of chocolate when teaching at Thornton Primary School

The purpose of this report is to discuss a proposal which has recently been made by year 5 teachers to Mrs Grace, requesting that free supplies of chocolate be made readily available to all teaching staff when teaching. All teaching and support staff are in absolute agreement that this would bring many positive benefits to the school, and we will describe these benefits here.

Firstly, we are completely convinced that a free supply of chocolate would increase the number of happy faces both around the staffroom and throughout school. At least 90% of teaching staff enjoy eating a variety of chocolate on a regular basis. If they were to be given this free, not only would it save them money, but it would also save them going out to the shop to buy the aforementioned chocolate. These two reasons, added with the delight that teacher would have when actually eating the chocolate, would most definitely make the teachers happier and more relaxed.

Secondly, we passionately believe that the quality of teaching would greatly improve if teachers were to be given a regular supply of Cadburys, Nestle and other assorted chocolate goodies. The teacher's endorphins (the happy chemicals in the brain) would increase as a result of eating the delicious chocolate, and therefore they would be even more relaxed and ready to teach their classes. When they are sat struggling over a huge pile of books to mark, a mouthful of chocolate would wake them up and get their brains and green pens working again! What parent wouldn't want their child taught by happy, chocolate-fuelled teachers?

Thirdly, and finally, we are all in agreement that the pupils of Thornton Primary School would benefit from their teachers receiving these free supplies of chocolate. Not only would they receive a better standard of teaching from happier staff, but they would walk into school every day with a bigger smile on their faces. Teachers would be so happy from eating their free chocolate, they would feel more energised than ever before. In fact, even when lessons weren't going to plan, they could simply reach into their draw and gobble down whatever delicious snack was nearby, which would most definitely make them feel better!

The staff at Thornton Primary School want you to seriously consider their proposal. We truly believe that a free and endless supply of chocolate would lead to happier staff, happier pupils and an all-round happier school. Surely no one can deny that an increase in chocolate within school grounds would be a wonderful thing.