

The Beast from the East: Could students be missing quality learning due to UK snow?

All across Europe last week there were treacherous snowstorms and blizzards. This extreme weather - named 'The Beast from the East' - affected the UK in many different ways. I wanted to ask the question: was it worth it?

We all like a day off school or work, and there are many positives from taking a break, but is three days too much disruption? Some students and parents had their say on the Beast.

I spoke to Parent Governor and Trading Standards Officer Tracey Johnson to find out more.

She said: "I think that children and adults weren't missing too much because it is nice to have family time and do things as a family."

Also, they could have risked their own safety traveling from home and traveling home."

I then spoke to a primary school student to ask their opinion on the snow days: "I think snow days are an opportunity to bond with your friends and to learn about the dangers of the snow."

So it appears we all like our snow days, but it remains to be seen what the long-term impact could be on student outcomes and parent patience should the Beast, or something similar, make a habit of returning to UK shores!

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