

**SCHOOL
IN THE
PAST**

CLOTHES

In the past most people didn't wear clothes in fashion. They wore old clothes, the young children wore them after the elder brothers or sisters, so their clothes usually were too big or too small. They were simple and patched. Children didn't have so many pieces of clothes. Girls wore aprons, long skirts and kerchieves. Boys wore long or short trousers and hats on their heads. These clothes were mostly dark, not so colorful as nowadays. Clothes were made of natural materials, like linen and wool, there wasn't any synthetic. Only rich children wore silk and other expensive materials. In those days many people worked as tailors. Several housewives made clothes themselves. Their school bags were made of leather. In summer children didn't wear shoes, they used clogs (wooden shoes) or they walked barefoot.

FOOD

Children usually brought their food from home. During the break they untied their cloth napkins and ate their simple snack. The portions were small.

They often ate a slice of bread and an apple. Bread was dark and baked at home.

They didn't eat meat so often as we do nowadays. They ate a lot of dairy products. Parents got fruit and vegetables from their own gardens, fields and trees. They didn't know exotic fruit, like pineapples or kivi's.

Their sweets were dried fruits. Very rarely they ate home made biscuits and walnut roll.

Kids weren't fat, because their food wasn't so unhealthy.

Children were not allowed to be choosy.

Children were often hungry.

BEHAVIOUR

Children respected their parents and teachers. They were well behaved. They had some limits. Teachers could hit them if they didn't behave well. They didn't have many rules but if they broke them, they were punished. Teachers often hit them with a wooden stick. One punishment was kneeling on the corn in the corner of the classroom. Teachers were very strict and merciless.

Kids didn't make noise during the breaks. They weren't allowed to chew gum, to be late for school, to shout or to fight. They had to sit straight at the desks.

Their religious education was stricter as it is today.

Two or three decades ago kids did their homework more often as we do now but a long time ago children didn't study much, because they had to work at home.

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