

Task : Read the articles and watch the videos about clapping for carers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52837287>

1) Today you are going to write a letter to Boris Johnson about 'Clap for Carers'. In your letter you are going to try to persuade him to agree with you, your choices are either:

a) *Clap for Carers Must Continue*

b) *Now is the Time to Stop Clap for Carers*

2) You will need to use your plan from yesterday and include the persuasive phrases you created on Tuesday. It's also important to include the views of people other than yourself to show that you're not alone in your beliefs! Look carefully at the model I have provided to help you and don't forget, the ideas I have included are silly! You must use your own!



Letter Plan

Reason 1, least persuasive

Everyone agrees that clapping is a horrible sound, therefore we must not continue to 'Clap for Carers' every Thursday evening.

Reason 2, middle persuasive

Evidence suggests that carers and NHS staff prefer to just have a break on a Thursday at 8 pm, this demonstrates the need to abandon the tradition of clapping for carers.

Reason 3, most persuasive

It is impossible to ignore the fact that year 6 children across the country are desperate to go to bed by 8 pm, 'Clap for Carers' disrupts their bedtime routine, causing irreparable damage to their health.

Dear Prime Minister Johnson,

I'm writing to you regarding the 'Clap for Carers' celebration Britain has endured every Thursday evening for 10 weeks, during the Corona Virus outbreak. I believe that the time has come for us to end this unhelpful tradition for the reasons outlined below.

Primarily, everyone agrees that clapping is a very unpleasant sound which disturbs what should be a peaceful evening. As the 'Clap for Carers' occasion has progressed some people have even begun to play musical instruments- I find this unbearable!

Secondly, evidence suggests that the people who work in care homes and NHS staff need a break at 8pm on Thursday evenings (when the 'Clap for Carers' event occurs), is it respectful to force these hardworking people to spend their break clapping? It is clear to me that the people, who are working so hard to save lives, would much rather spend their break having a cup of tea or using the toilet than standing around clapping.

Finally, it is impossible to ignore the fact that year 6 children across Britain are desperate to be in bed (fast asleep) by 8 pm every evening. 'Clap for Carers' disrupts their bedtime routine and as result, could cause irreparable damage to their health. Surely you understand how important it is to protect our children?

It is for these reasons that I feel we must end the tradition of clapping for carers. Perhaps NHS staff, Care home workers and Social Carers would benefit from more substantial support like proper funding, free university tuition and a significant pay rise?

Yours Sincerely,

Ellie Foster, Year Six Teacher