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Dear Jackie,

Hi! How are you? How is California? Is there any harsh preventive measures ^{for COVID} there? Let me tell you more about my feelings towards wearing a mask to school since you were wondering. The disadvantages definitely outweigh the ^{advantages}. Firstly, all students have to wear a mask to school nowadays so as to prevent the spread of diseases, especially COVID-19 in this period of time. Wearing masks can help prevent germs from spreading, especially when students chat with each other as there is a ^{high} chance that they would spit saliva when talking. To be honest, that is the only advantage I can think of about wearing masks to school.

In contrast, wearing a mask to school provides a lot more discomforts. To begin with, wearing a mask is very hot, especially in summer or when doing sports activities and it also makes it hard to breathe. Take myself as an example. Yesterday, I had skipping sports team training and we were required to wear a mask at all times. After some intense training, my mouth and cheeks which was covered by the mask was full of sweat and it was very hard for me to breathe. If we weren't required to wear a mask, it for sure wouldn't have been so difficult and exhausting! Also, now that we have to wear masks during the lessons too, if you're trying to speak or answer a question, it might be difficult for the teachers to hear you as the mask is in the way. And you can't see people's lips so you can't even try to lip-read! As you

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can see, there are a lot of drawbacks of wearing masks to school!

Overall, there is no doubt that there are way more disadvantages ^{of wearing masks to school} than advantages. I feel really uncomfortable and annoyed when wearing a mask [^] especially during lessons or sports ^{doing}. I really hope that COVID-19 can be gone for good ^{soon} so we don't have to wear masks to school anymore! How about you? How are the COVID-19 measures in California? Are they really necessary? Looking forward to your reply!

Yours truly,

Sam