

Linh and school



Based on an interview with the head teacher

Last year Linh was an excellent student at school. However, in September Linh didn't return after the summer holidays and teachers went to her house to see what had happened. They found out that her right leg had suddenly become paralysed during the summer.

Linh missed two weeks of school at the start of term and is now missing more time off school with fevers. Her mother or father carries her to and from home to school on their backs every day. When she needs the toilet a teacher will carry her. Teachers also help her move between lessons. The school provides lunch every day but, despite this, her father comes and carries her home for lunch. Her parents are worried that Linh staying in school for lunch would be a problem for the teachers, even though the school says this isn't a problem.

Linh now seems sad because she cannot play with her friends at break time. The teachers do their best to encourage her. However she is falling behind in her reading and class work.

In the future Linh may drop out of school. Her parents cannot continue to carry her to and from school four times a day for ever.