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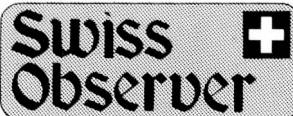
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often raised whether private  
schools are really necessary.

Why do we need private  
schools when the state looks  
after children from a very young  
age right up to their "baccalaureat",  
when state education is  
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studies he wants, provided he  
has the necessary aptitudes and  
intelligence?

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to say that Swiss private schools  
are better known abroad than in  
Switzerland. However, there are  
many reasons for their existence.

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the state of health of the child to  
a change of domicile, which can  
mean the child must suddenly  
adapt to another education  
programme.

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find a favourable environment,

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