

No human rights at school ?

If you think your school isn't doing what it's supposed to, or isn't doing something it should be doing, you can tell your parents, or a teacher or someone else who can help you.

In serious cases, you may need legal advice. If you are old enough, you can get your own lawyer (this may be free) or ask your parents.

You can get more information and advice over the phone or on the internet. More details are on the back page.

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Children and young people at school have human rights too.

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This leaflet is for children and young people who need extra help at school. It is also available in Braille, audio, BSL video and other languages.

What are human rights ?

Human rights are things that the law say everyone should have, no matter what. That means children and young people too!

There are also some human rights that **only** children under 18 have. Some human rights are to do with things that happen at school.

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You have the right to go to school.

The school should listen to you, and respect your opinion.

The school should respect your religion and culture.

If you are disabled, the school should try to help you to be more independent.

Your school should not treat you worse than other pupils just because you are disabled

If you are being punished for something, the punishment should not be designed to humiliate or embarrass you.

If a teacher takes something

that belongs to you, they should give it back after school, unless it is dangerous or against the law.

You do not have to tell the school about something personal or secret, if you don't want to.

If you do tell your school something personal or secret, they should normally keep it a secret.

You should be allowed time to rest and play at school. You should not have to do school work during break times or lunch times.