

EDUCATION LAW UNIT



Equality & Human Rights Case Service



The Education Law Unit at Govan Law Centre is a national resource. Our Equality and Human Rights case service aims to help school pupils who have been discriminated against or whose human rights have been breached.

Who Can We Help?

We can help children and young people who are

- At school or nursery in Scotland**

We can help pupils whether they are at a local authority school or an independent school (mainstream or special).

What Don't We Cover?

Unfortunately we cannot help if the case is about:

- Social work provision;**
- Further or higher education;**
- A school or nursery which is not in Scotland.**

What Does The Case Service Cover?

We can help school pupils who have been discriminated against because of their:

- Sex or gender;
- Race, ethnic origin or nationality;
- Disability;
- Sexual orientation; or
- Religious belief (or because they have no religious beliefs)

We can also help school pupils if their human rights have been breached, including:

- The right to education;
- The right not to be treated in an inhuman or degrading way;
- The right to express their opinions and/or beliefs;
- The right to privacy; or
- The right not to be discriminated against.

How Can We Help?

You can find out more information about equality and human rights law as it applies to schools by visiting our website:

www.edlaw.org.uk

If you have an enquiry about a specific case or you are looking for some advice, please contact us:

equality@edlaw.org.uk

0141 445 1955

We will contact you with an answer to your enquiry as soon as we are able to. If necessary, we will arrange an appointment to meet with you face-to-face.

We can contact the school or education authority on your behalf and try to resolve your case by negotiation. Many problems can be resolved at this stage.

However, if necessary we can help you to bring your case to court. Legal Aid or other financial assistance will usually be available so there is no cost to you.

Examples of possible discrimination and human rights breaches at school.

- You are not allowed to go on a school trip because of your health condition.
- The school cafe only serves food you cannot eat because of your religious beliefs.
- Your school do not try and protect you from racist or homophobic bullying.
- You are placed in a lower set in some subjects because English is not your first language.
- Your school may be misusing the information they keep about you.

There are many possible examples. If you are not sure, please contact us and ask.



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**Alternative formats are available on
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