

# Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

## Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

Fully Supportive

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I have selected fully supportive BUT I feel I have to quantify that, ALL children under my care need to be free from physical punishment not just from adults BUT FROM THER PEERS as well. I had a pupil, with a perceived injustice IN HIS MIND, who dealt with it by assaulting a peer in front of wee primary 1s and 2s, resulting in broken glasses and a bleeding nose for the pupil who was assaulted and younger pupils who were traumatised by the whole thing. Needless to say Council and union were less than helpful but SMT in school were brilliant

Q2. Could the aims of the proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Unsure

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I have no idea, violence in schools is becoming more common, children are NOT SAFE any more. No one seems to want to keep children safe as all we hear is inclusion, inclusion, inclusion! Budgets are cut, there is no one to help vulnerable children with specific needs, so other children are assaulted on a regular basis

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

Better education, because too much of my time is spent policing the classroom and keeping things under control. Achievement falling? Yes I know, I cannot teach any maths language etc, because I need to try to keep children safe

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of giving children equal protection from assault by prohibiting all physical punishment of children?

It would cost too much money

## Page 11: Financial implications

Q5. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

Significant increase in cost

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

In order to keep children safe from harm, from peers as well as adults, if you want total inclusion for all, YOU need to foot the bill

## Page 12: Equalities

Q6. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on the following protected groups (under the Equality Act 2010): race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity?

Negative

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Nothing will happen no matter what anyone says

Q7. Could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected groups be minimised or avoided?

Probably not

## Page 14: Sustainability of the proposal

Q8. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having a disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impact?

No

## Page 15: General

Q9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

If we want to get things right for the children in Scotland, we need to focus on keeping them safe from their peers too. End of!