

STATEMENT ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS 3



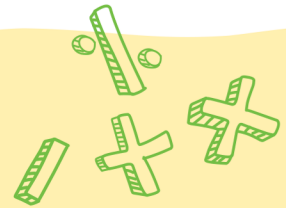
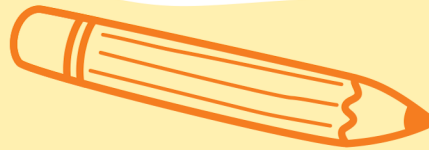
EDUCATION INEQUALITIES

WHAT DOES THE UNCRC SAY?

ARTICLE 28:
ALL CHILDREN
SHOULD HAVE
FREE, QUALITY
EDUCATION

ARTICLE 29:
EDUCATION SHOULD
HELP YOU ACHIEVE
YOUR SKILLS,
TALENTS AND
ABILITIES

WHATS GOING ON IN NI?



- Some children are being **left behind** and not reaching their potential.
- Children with **special educational needs** need the right help, faster.
- Schools should **stop using seclusion** on pupils and only ever use **physical restraint as a last resort** to keep people safe.
- Children's **well-being should be a priority**, especially after the pandemic.
- Schools need more support to **tackle bullying**, including online.
- As the last UN report said, all pupils should have age appropriate **relationship and sexuality education**.
- 90% of children and young people are educated in **segregated schools**. It is important that all schools meet the needs of all pupils.



WHAT SHOULD GOVERNMENT DO NOW?



Close the **gap in achievement** between some groups of children and young people so there are no barriers in an education system that fully supports their rights.



Promote and check **mental health and well-being** of children and young people in schools.



Move towards a **single education system** that is fit for purpose, value for money and **doesn't cost families extra money**.



Make sure the **effect of the Covid pandemic** on children and young people doesn't have an ongoing effect on their education.



Make sure **Seclusion** is no longer used and **restraint** is only used as a last resort when the child or others are at risk, and that this is recorded and reported, and parents fully informed.