

Right to no discrimination

CHILD RIGHTS #2

You have the right to be treated fairly and equally



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants you to have the same opportunities as all children.

You should have access to an excellent education and be able to develop your own interests, receive the help and support you need, and live in a stable and loving home.

You have lots of other rights as well as your right to be treated equally including freedom of thought and religion, protection of privacy, access to food, clothing and a safe home. You can find out about all of your rights via this link <https://www.unicef.org/media/56661/file>



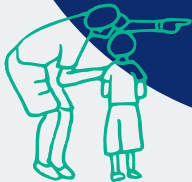
Nobody should treat you differently because of your skin colour, sex or religion, where you live, what you think or look like, if you speak another language, have special educational needs or a disability, are rich or poor or who your family is.

What children have told us

You should be treated fairly, without judgment or discrimination:

"People should be treated fairly and no one should feel unsafe in an environment where there is other people..."

- Girl, 12



You sometimes feel there are barriers to you achieving:

"The social stigma of children from lower class backgrounds trying to achieve something bigger than themselves."

- Boy, 16



Fairness can effect your mindset to achieve and be ambitious for your future:

"I think what stops children from achieving what they want to achieve when they grow up is that not everyone is treated fairly and some people don't have the opportunity to do something they really want to achieve."

- Girl, 11



You want to be heard by older generations and are concerned when your voices aren't seen as equal:

"Older generations love to mock us for taking action against social issues by calling us, and I quote snowflakes. Yet they won't. We are finally taking action on things."

- Girl, 13



All quotes from The Big Ask, the largest ever survey of children, with over half a million responses!

There are a range of people you can turn to for support

- Your family • Your friends • Professionals e.g. your GP and staff at your school
- Charities e.g.
 - Childline (childline.org) Calls are free, 24 hours a day: 0800 1111
 - Shout (giveusashout.org) Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 for advice.

