

What is the complaint about?

- The complaint is about the human rights of disabled children and young people to have the same chances and opportunities for learning and being part of their school community as non-disabled children.
- Many disabled children are not getting a fair deal at their local school – being treated unfairly is discrimination.
- All New Zealand citizens have a right to be protected from discrimination.
- IHC has a long history in fighting for a better deal for disabled children and their families.
- IHC is committed to correcting this injustice and ensuring inclusive education for all children. We will pursue all avenues to achieve this. Taking the complaint to the Human Rights Commission is just one of the many avenues we are pursuing. We will continue to hold conversations with all interested parties.

For more information about IHC's Education Complaint please visit our website:

www.ihc.org.nz/campaigns/education-complaint/can-help-involved-ihcs-education-complaint

If you have questions or concerns you wish to discuss please call:

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What does IHC want?

Disabled children and young people should be able to enrol and receive an education on the same basis as every other child.

That means having:

- a no-strings-attached welcome from the school principal
- the necessary support to learn
- teachers who know how to teach all children
- the right to stay at school all day
- the chance to be part of everything that goes on at school, like camps and concerts
- the right to have their learning monitored and to achieve
- changes to special education policy that result in schools having the resources they need to do their best by disabled children.



How you can help IHC with the Education Complaint?

- Find out more about IHC's complaint on our website www.ihc.org.nz/campaigns/education-complaint/
- Tell us what you are concerned about by completing our survey:
 - ▶ Survey for family/whanau www.surveymonkey.com/s/RS7KFRM
 - ▶ Survey for people working in schools www.surveymonkey.com/s/IHCEducationC2
- Let other people know about IHC's complaint action and encourage them to contact us.
- Let your community know that you support the complaint by writing letters to the paper or raising these issues at community meetings.
- Contact the Minister of Education or Ministry of Education to lodge your support for IHC's legal action.
- Ask your local school and Board of Trustees about how they can make sure disabled children and young people feel welcome, valued and included.



Why is IHC taking this legal action?

IHC is taking this action as a last resort. We have tried everything else over the years to get a fair deal for disabled children and young people at school.

We have:

- talked with Ministers and the Ministry of Education for many years
- written many letters and submissions to the Government about the problems and suggested solutions
- developed resources to help families to speak up for their children at school
- funded research that identifies what disabled children need at school to get a fair deal
- funded seminars for schools to talk about how to include and teach disabled children and young people
- listened to families and disabled children and young people telling us about what they find difficult at school and what would make things right
- had discussions with principals, teachers and Boards of Trustees and their representative organisations over shared concerns about disabled children and young people at school.