

Repeated correspondence with CCfW from Home Ed Cymru Nov 2024

We note that unfortunately the Commissioner's website still misquotes Article 28 of the UNCRC as being about right to learn and "go to school".

School, of course, is just one format and construct where children may learn, with home education being of equal standing in law to school based education, and with an increasing number of parents deciding to take that option.

The original Article encourages governments to ensure that state provision is available for those who wish to use it, but of course is written to try to prevent governments, especially totalitarian ones, from preventing education, rather than dictating how that education should be delivered or received.

We are sure that the Commissioner is keen to ensure that terminology is inclusive and does not risk marginalisation, exclusion or alienation of any children, including those who are educated outside of school environments. Thus we trust this phrasing would be amended at your very earliest convenience, to encourage home educators and home educated children to feel confidence in the Commissioner's role to advocate for them.

Should you wish to discuss this with us, we would be delighted to engage, including feeding back on our experience of the challenges that home educators in Wales face at present.

Kind regards,
Home Ed Cymru,