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Dear Christina McKelvie MSP

It is not Cool to Be Cruel: Prejudiced-based bullying and harassment of children and young people in school

I welcome the publication of the above report and sight of your recent letter to John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

As the Committee may be aware, both my office and the Equality and Human Rights Commission intend to write a joint letter to Mr Swinney regarding the findings of the Committee's report. I will be seeking assurances that the report's recommendations will be accepted in full and that a clear action plan will be created to ensure that the bullying and harassment of children and young people in Scottish school is eradicated as a priority. Children and young people have a right to an education free of fear.

I note that in your letter to Mr Swinney you have suggested that the Committee may wish to engage further with my office on this issue. I would welcome this and my Parliamentary and Policy Officer, Pauline McIntyre (pauline.mcintyre@cypcs.org.uk) would be happy to assist in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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