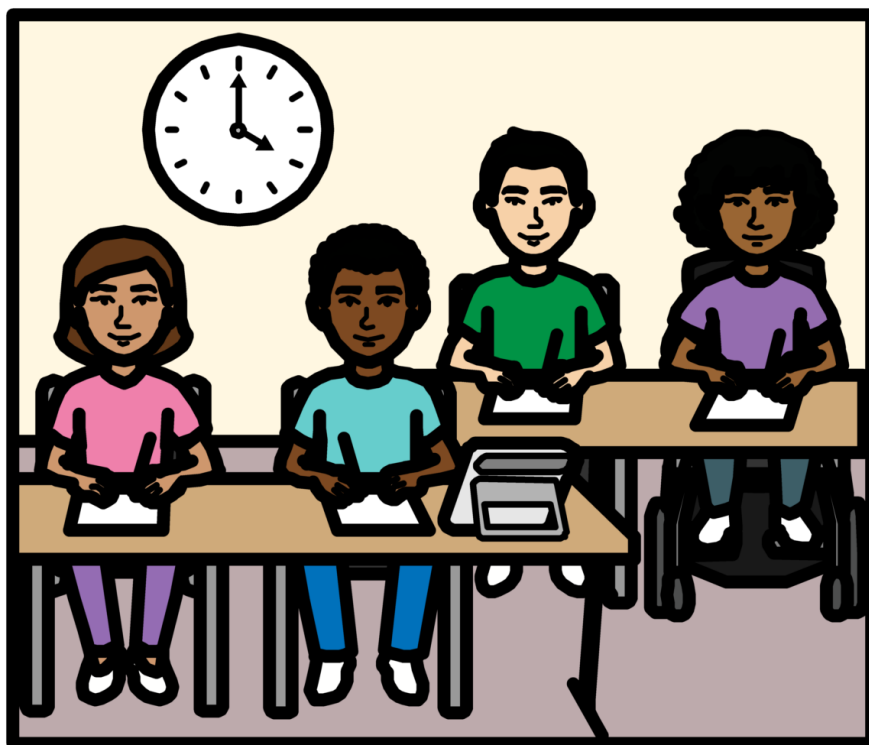


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Giving all children the right to more free education to help them do well

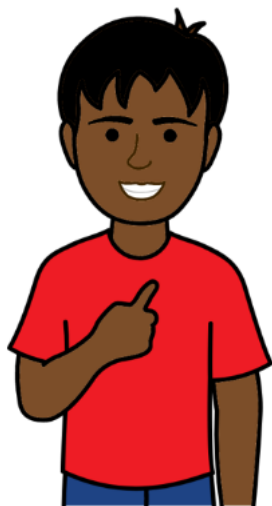
This is a document for children.



HUMAN
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Who we are

We are called Human Rights Watch.



We work to make sure that everyone in the world is treated fairly and gets their rights.

That includes the right to be safe and to go to school or work.

What some of the words we use mean

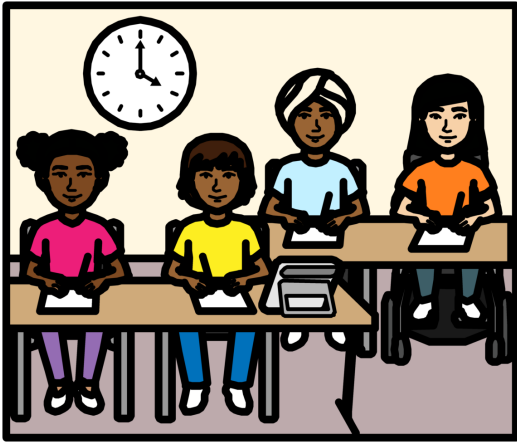
Rights:

Rights are promises that governments make to help people have a good life.

Children have lots of rights.

For example, they have the right to be safe and treated fairly.

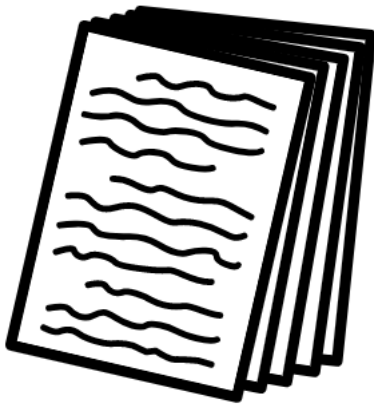




The right to education:

Every child also has the right to go to school and get a good education.

All children in the world have this right.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child:

This is a document with all the promises that governments made to children to help them have a good life.

Pre-primary school:

This is a school for very young children before they start primary school.



Primary school:

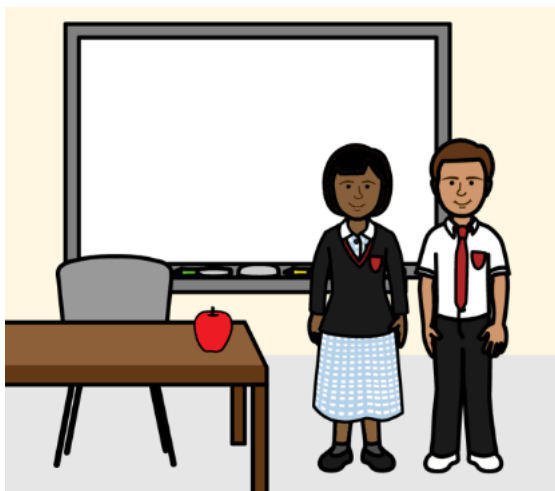
This is school that young children go to.

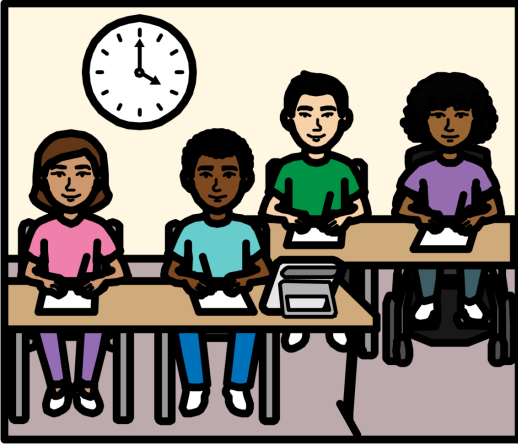
They usually go there between the ages of 5 and 12.

Secondary school:

This is school that children go to after primary school.

They start to learn more subjects at this school.





Can all children go to school?

We want all children to have the right to get more free education.



Many children or parents have to pay to go to school. It is not free.

That means many children cannot afford to go to school. It costs too much.



Many children go to primary school and stay there until the end.

Primary school is for younger children.



But many children do not go to secondary school or finish secondary school.



Many children do not get any education when they are very young before they start primary school.



That can stop many children from getting a good start in life.

It can also stop children from doing well at school when they are older.

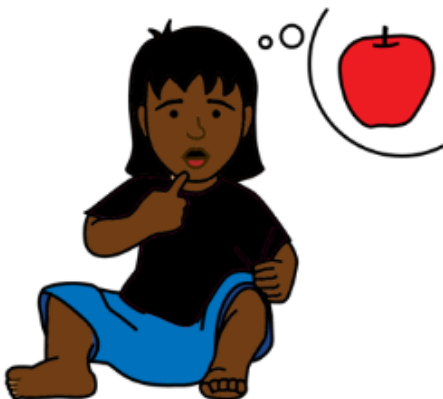
We are working with other organizations to change that.

What we want to happen

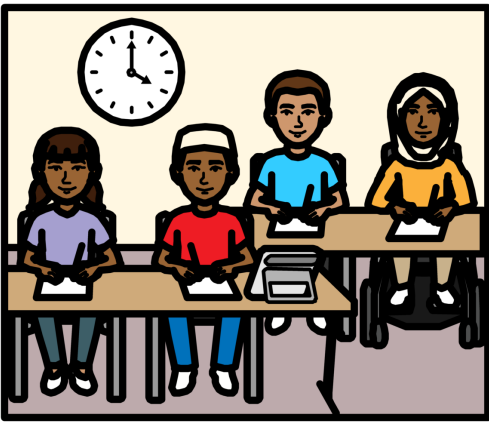


We want to make a special rule.

It will say all children should go to school for free, even when they are very young.



We want all children to have at least one year of free education before primary school.



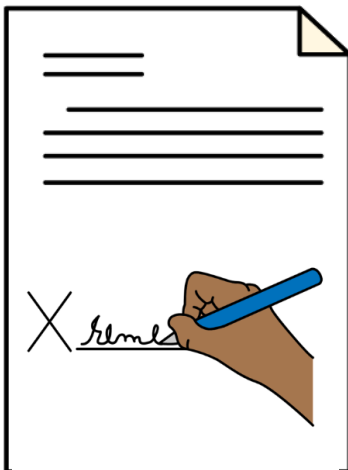
We also want all children to have free education at secondary school.

How can we make the new rule happen?



We want the new rule to be a law that countries must follow.

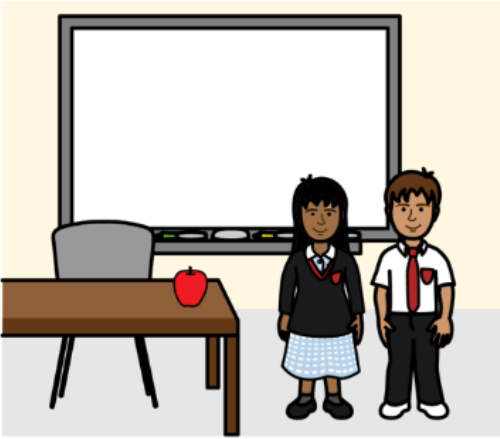
A law says what countries must do.



There is already a law in the world about the rights of all children.

The law is called the United Nations **Convention on the Rights of the Child**.

Many countries have promised to follow the law.



At the moment, the law says that all children must go to primary school.

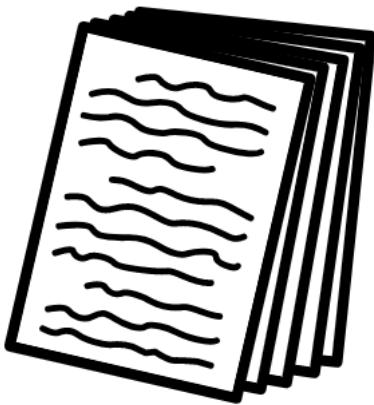
The education at primary school must be free.



But the law does not talk about education for very young children before primary school.



And it does not talk about free education for all children at secondary school.



We want there to be an extra part of the law about the rights of all children.

It will be called a fourth Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



The extra part of the law should say that all children should get:

- At least one year of free education before primary school.
- And free education at secondary school.

Why it should be possible to change things



Many countries already give children free education before primary school and free education at secondary school.

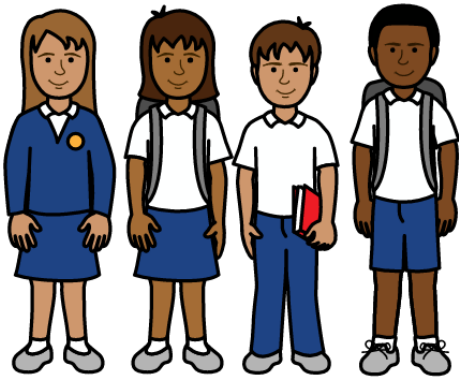


We think that many countries will support a new law about free education for all children.



This will help other countries to give children free education as well.

What will this change mean for your life ?



The changes we want to make will help countries to give children a much better education.



This will make life better and fairer for many children in the world.



For example, a good education can help to keep children safe and well.

It can also help children to get good jobs and do well in the future.

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