

Petitioner submission of 30 June 2022

PE1937/B: To give children the respect they deserve by providing options for privacy when changing for P.E.

The Cabinet Secretary states in her response that:

“The Scottish Government therefore expects local authorities to provide appropriate changing facilities for all school users”.

This is my point exactly, some schools do not have appropriate facilities for kids to change.

My child was being asked to change in front of the rest of their classmates, and when this was queried, the teacher responded by saying this is because “25 kids can’t all just go to the toilet to get changed”.

In my view, it should not be down to the parent to write to the head teacher, this should be enforced by authorities. If children do not have the option to wear their P.E. kit to school then the local authority/school should provide them with changing facilities.

The response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills only outlines things I already know.

I would like to know what is actually being brought into effect and how this is being communicated to schools moving forward.

As noted in my petition, I have previously contacted the head of education at Glasgow City Council (old and new) who have said their policy will not be changing.