

# My Skills

## Education

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can. Your school should be run properly with respect for young people. Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**Article: All children have the right to**

28 An education

29 An education that helps you care for yourself and the world

### Fact

- In all, 92,000 children are being educated in classes of 30 or more pupils and 5,000 are being educated in classes of more than 35. The European average is 21.
- Ireland is one of the few European countries where families pay for school books.

### Think about:

Do you receive a good quality education that will assist you in the future?

### Discuss:

1. If you were in government what would you change in school to make it better?
2. How does your education ensure you are a global citizen?

**Photo: take a photo that depicts your education and/or what you would change to improve it.**

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**Barnardos**

**Average Basic Costs in 2014, Per Child**

Average Costs	Senior Infant	4th Class	1st Year
Clothing	€110	€120	€200
Footwear	€55	€60	€60
School Books	€75	€85	€300
Classroom Resources	€30	€40	€50
Voluntary Contribution	€75	€75	€125
<b>Total*</b>	<b>€345</b>	<b>€380</b>	<b>€735</b>
Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance available	€100	€100	€200

\*This does not include extra costs such as school bag, trainers, extra-curricular activities etc.



## Special Care

All children with all abilities should have the care, education and attention that allows them to reach their potential.

**Article:** All children have the right to 23 Care and education if you are disabled

### Fact

- According to [disAbility.ie](http://disAbility.ie), latest national figures show that no services have been identified for about 60 young people, but hundreds more face a reduction in this service from five days to two or three days.
- Joanne O’Riordan, rights advocate, persuaded the Irish government to do a U-turn on its budget pledge to slash disability benefits for young people.

### Think about:

Why is it important to ensure every child has access to the tools and support for reaching their potential?

### Discuss:

1. Are children with special needs having their needs met and are they able to reach their full potential?

**Photo:** take a photo of the special care you or others receive or don't receive to ensure all needs are met.

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