

## The Schools Bill Petition

**This is the national, mass, ink-on-paper petition against The Schools Bill.**

It calls for parts 3 and 4 of the Bill, relating to school attendance and independent settings, to be amended or removed. It is being presented to the Commons by Graham Stuart, Conservative MP.

**If The Schools Bill becomes law some of the effects will be:**

- **Home educated children** by forcing them to be on a LA register, having not-suitably-qualified LA staff decide on what a suitable education looks like for individuals and whether they are forced to attend school by issuing a School Attendance Order (SAO).
- **Children in school** by turning all schools into academies, introducing harsher punitive measures around attendance and punctuality, and potentially removing a parent's right to remove a child from school due to unmet needs, bullying or mental health concerns.
- **Children with an EHCP** by not allowing any scope for a School Attendance Order (SAO) to be revoked (*this is not the case for children without an EHCP*).
- **Teachers** by increasing the pressure they are under to get children to attend school.
- **Tutors/those who run clubs/childminders/etc.** by making it law that they have to provide child details to the LA and potentially making anyone who looks after 5 children without an EHCP or one child with an EHCP register as a school.

**Failure to comply with a SAO is a criminal offence punishable on conviction with a fine or imprisonment.**

The wording of the bill is vague and far-reaching. A lot of the details are being left out until secondary legislation, which will mean it is not scrutinised.

**You need to sign based on where you live. This copy is for those who live in the Macclesfield constituency (those who have David Rutley as their MP), this includes Bollington, Poynton, Disley, Bosley, Prestbury, Lower Withington.**

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**PETITION Instruction, please read carefully:**

- All signatures must be handwritten in pen.
- Each person must only sign once.
- Each person must reside in the constituency that they sign in.
- All people signing must give an address. **It can be just a post code.**
- Anyone can sign including children (you cannot sign for anyone else, including a very young child) provided that they are a British citizen or a Foreign national with leave to remain in the UK (legal UK resident).

\* please do not staple it.