

This House Believes That Teachers Should Be Allowed To Smack Naughty Children

Fact: Corporal punishment (physically punishing children) was banned in UK state schools in 1986

Fact: In Mongolia, kids can't be hit in school, but they can be hit at home or in prison

- Would children behave better if they knew they could be smacked by their teachers?
- Would this make children scared of teachers?
- What if a teacher hit a child too hard and injured them?
- Is a smack that dangerous?
- How would teachers feel about this?
- What if a teacher smacked the wrong child?
- Would parents support this?
- Would this make children take school more seriously?
- Are bosses allowed to smack their workers if they do something wrong in their job? Why not?
- If a child was smacked, would this make them upset and less able to learn in class?
- How do you feel about this idea?
- Would there be one teacher in each school in charge of smacking?
- Would a child get smacked in front of the whole class?

When would teachers smack naughty children?

- If they forgot their homework?
- If they talked when they were meant to be listening?
- If they hurt other children?

Fact: Corporal punishment is legal in schools in Singapore, but only for male students