



Re: Headmaster's voice (*Daily Telegraph*, 6 August 2011)

Sir,

It is frustrating that myths and misunderstandings blight the purpose of health and safety rules.

Children need 'rough and tumble' and accidents will happen, although a school cannot and should not be sued for any old mishap. But injuries arising from negligence are avoidable and can be damaging.

If schools had a better understanding of this and the basics of litigation, they would have no need to fear it. We should all make a stand against misinformation and dispel myths so that common sense may prevail, children can enjoy their school years without needless injury, and teachers can get on with their jobs without an irrational fear of litigation.

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