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Letters to the editor  
Lancashire Telegraph

Sir,

**Re your article: '£1.2m caning'**

Your article misses the point: a child cannot bring a claim for an ordinary, everyday mishap. Only when someone is injured through another person's negligence can a claim for redress be successful.

The notion that we have a so-called 'compensation culture' has been dismissed over recent years as a myth by opinion-formers.

Conservative peer Lord Young, in his report *Common Sense, Common Safety* for the Prime Minister, wrote that the so-called compensation culture is "perception rather than reality".

And in a recent independent review of health and safety legislation, Professor Ragnar Löfstedt wrote that "no evidence has been presented for its existence".

Perhaps what people ought to be "flabbergasted" about is the number of pupils who have been needlessly injured. Getting to grips with that would inevitably reduce the compensation local authorities need to pay.

Yours sincerely,

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