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Re: *Pupils sue over cuts and grazes*

We can all agree it is a real shame that compensation claims are ‘the number one concern for any school’ according to a deputy head teacher, when the priority should surely be to educate children in a safe environment.

This fear of litigation is unnecessary and has arisen from unsupported hyperbole and a lack of understanding about the legal system. A claim for any old playground mishap cannot succeed unless a duty of care has been breached and negligence is properly proven.

It is also a fairly simple concept that if a local authority has reason to believe a personal injury claim has no merit, then it should defend it. The systems to protect defendants are in place if they want to use them. But equally, an injured child has every right to pursue redress for a needless injury.

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