



Solihull News re: *Compo claims cost the council £126k – 16 August*

We can all agree that children should be allowed to enjoy their time at school without being wrapped in cotton wool. But it should go without saying that a child should be able to get an education without being needlessly injured.

A compensation claim cannot succeed unless a duty of care has been breached and negligence is properly proven. Fear of litigation stems from a misunderstanding of the difference between a simple accident and negligence, for which someone is responsible. There is no need for a local authority to cancel an activity if the appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the safety of the children.

Furthermore, a successful claimant has not 'raked' in his damages. Damages are there to put an injured person's life back to how it was before they were injured by another's negligent actions, and to compensate for the unnecessary suffering.

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