



**Children & Young People's  
Mental Health Coalition**



Partnership for  
Well-being and  
Mental Health  
in Schools



Fair  
Education  
Alliance

## **Response to 'Children and Young People's Mental - Role of Education Inquiry'**

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition, Partnership for Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools, and Fair Education Alliance respond the joint Inquiry into Children and Young People's Mental Health – the Role of Education.

“The joint Education and Health Select Committee report is hugely welcome, and represents an opportunity to form a cross party consensus for much needed change. We know that about one in ten children and young people have a mental disorder, and that about 50% of adult mental health problems begin before the age of 15. If children and young people are to fulfil their potential we need to ensure that they not only receive a first rate education, but that they also have a happy and healthy childhood. This means getting the balance right between attainment and wellbeing, and this in turn requires Government to send out the right message to teachers and to support them through appropriate training and adequate funding.

“In recognising the crucial role schools and colleges play in promoting good mental health, we acknowledge that we are asking a lot of them. We must give them the tools to deliver.”

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition, Partnership for Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools, and Fair Education Alliance are calling for all the party leaders to commit to addressing children's mental health and wellbeing in schools as a priority for the next Government. Specifically, the next Government should:

- Continue with the planned Green Paper to send a firm message that children's mental health is everyone's business;
- Address resourcing in schools and in the NHS;
- Work with schools, local authorities, Ofsted and others to promote a “whole school approach” to wellbeing in school, that goes beyond curriculum change; and provides the foundation for good mental health, both for cyp, staff and parents
- Support teachers to promote children's mental health and wellbeing. Prioritise teacher and staff wellbeing through training and support and delivering high quality CPD
- Schools cannot do this alone. Need to promote a coordinated approach to commissioning and links between schools and specialist services, so there is both school based and community based services for school staff to refer on to.

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<https://www.ncb.org.uk/partnership-well-being-and-mental-health-schools>

Fair Education Alliance - <http://www.faireducation.org.uk/>