

Education and Skills Committee: Inquiry into Personal and Social Education

Response from the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights

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What should personal and social education sessions be about (100 word limit)

Anti-racism and equality education should be a critical part of PSE as part of social wellbeing. Pupils must learn about rights and responsibilities and how to put these into practice; we believe that learning about the history and present reality of racism and how to advance racial equality are essential to pupils' social development. With unacceptable occurrences of racist incidents, bullying, and hate speech in schools and with the highest percentage of perpetrators of racist hate crimes being young white men, PSE could play a crucial role in challenging prejudicial beliefs and cultivating a commitment to racial equality and rights.