

# Do All School Children Across Europe Have The Same Rights???

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## Should all schools across Europe be the same or should we have the same rights as them?

Different countries from across the EU have many different rights in schools compared to schools here in the United Kingdom. Should this be changed after all these years?

Many schools situated in France do not have the worry of uniforms as they wear their own clothes. We asked our Headteacher what he thought of the matter. He said: "I think that school uniforms help to convey a sense of pride and having school uniform helps children with less money not to worry about clothes."

In this way uniform can be seen as a protection for children as it prevents bullying in schools because everybody is equal.

More information found on a variety of websites states that many schools in France do not have a headmaster or headmistress. This news would come as a surprise to many people and it certainly did to our headmaster. He commented that he thought, "Staff and students need a headteacher and a common vision to lead them."

Other schools like those in Slovakia have different rights too. Slovakian schools start earlier in the day, around 7am and end at 1pm. Obviously there are reasons behind this as in the summer Slovakia is a hot country and children leaving early means they can avoid the sun.



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Regardless of nationality, education in Italy is compulsory from the age of 6 to 16 years. Most schools in Italy usually start at 8 am and normally the school day lasts for five hours. Many children go home during lunch as there are no canteens in most Italian schools.

We asked a UK pupil what they thought about going home for lunch and having no canteens. They replied: "I think it is bad because if some children don't know how to cook they wouldn't eat." Italian schools are also mainly non uniform which means they don't wear school uniform. This shows how school systems differ across Europe.

In France, children from the age of 2 to 6 go to nursery, then primary school from ages 6 to 11, then lower secondary from ages 11 to 15 and finally upper secondary from 15 to 18.

Italian schools are similar: going from Nursery, then Primary school, then Secondary school, then Liceo (like sixth form).

Schools in England are also similar, however, there are slightly different systems in different areas: First school, Middle school, then High school or Primary school then Secondary school.

The final question for us all is, should all schools be the same to make it easier or should we enjoy the differences in schools in different countries?

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