

## Chaos in the classroom?

### Children's Express investigate classroom behaviour

*Are school children out of control in the classroom? Two reporters from Children's Express share their thoughts on behaviour at school.* In science, one of the kids set the lab on fire.

*Siobhan Slowey, 16*

I'm in year 10 and I want to learn but I can't because of the way others behave. I've experienced kids walking in and out of the classroom throughout lessons, screaming at one another and telling the teacher to "go away".

Once I had a chair thrown at my head for what seemed like no reason at all. I've seen kids pull other people's work off the walls, draw on tables, rip text books up. In science, one of the kids set the lab on fire.

Sometimes our teacher would just get up and walk out of the classroom crying.

I feel like I am one of the kids that is going to lose out on an education because I cannot learn in the type of environment.

*Lathaniel Dyer, 15*

At my school, when the teacher's talking, the children are usually very attentive. We don't often disrupt other students and when we talk in class it's generally about school work. If we're being disruptive, the teacher only has to warn us once and we listen.

Our teachers don't waste their breath by shouting over the students. They send children to the referral room where they're dealt with by the deputy head teacher. If students continue to be disruptive then they're permanently excluded.

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