P-04-569 Stop National Tests for Primary School Children:

Petition Wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government

to remove national tests for primary school children.

Additional Information: I believe that National Tests for Primary School

children cause unnecessary stress and anxiety in young children. Children

should feel nurtured and positive in their attitude to school, not pressured

and anxious about doing well in an unrealistic exam environment that only

rewards those who perform well under such conditions, and punishes those

who do not. To set children against one another and force them to consider

the consequences of 'failure' at such a young age is cruel. The National Tests

are also widely condemned by teaching professionals as an ineffective

motivating and measurement tool that does not work in determining a young

child's potential and current state of knowledge.

Petition raised by: Alexander Roberts

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