

**Priority question for written answer P-002309/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Education

The European Schools system provides children with a full education, including lessons in the languages of the EU. Children of Irish parents are entitled to receive lessons in the Irish language. However, it appears that they must be enrolled in the English language section of the school in order to access these lessons.

It has been reported that in cases where children of an Irish parent have been enrolled in a non-English language section of a school, the child has been prevented from accessing Irish lessons. The Irish language is a compulsory element of the Irish curriculum and this creates difficulties regarding children from families where one parent is Irish and the other parent's mother tongue is not English.

Can the Commission clarify the following:

1. Whether Irish children in the European Schools system are entitled to Irish language lessons;
2. Whether dual-nationality children in the European Schools system with one Irish parent are entitled to Irish language lessons;
3. Whether restricting Irish language availability in European Schools exclusively to Irish children in the English section of the European Schools is in breach of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, which expressly forbids discrimination on the basis of language and nationality?