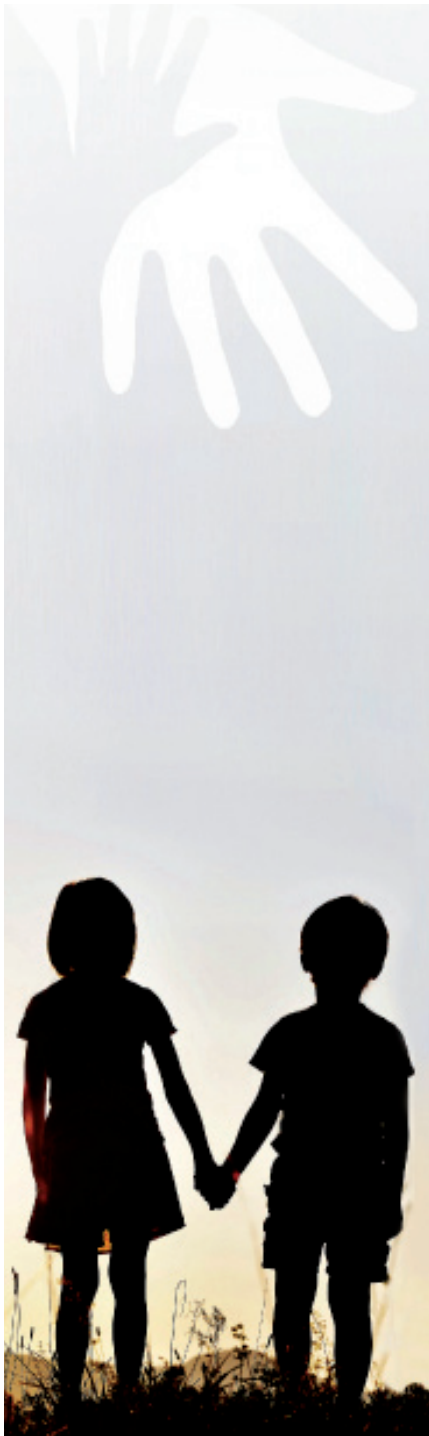


TOO MUCH TOO SOON CAMPAIGN

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The members and supporters of the Save Childhood Movement's 'Too Much, Too Soon' Campaign believe that children in England start formal learning too early, that the value of their creative and expressive play is being undermined, and that children are subject to developmentally inappropriate pressures that are damaging to their long-term health and wellbeing.

They argue that there is no evidence to support such an early start, that pre-term babies and summerborn children are particularly disadvantaged, and that there is a great deal to suggest that the downward pressures of the schooling system may be detrimental not only to their wellbeing but also to their learning dispositions and later academic achievement.

The campaign has the support of a large and multidisciplinary group of experts, the leaders of many of the key organisations in the field and all the major teaching unions. It is now encouraging the formation of local groups throughout the country to help raise awareness of the issues and to call for the best interests of the child to be put at the heart of early years policymaking.

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There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children. *Nelson Mandela*