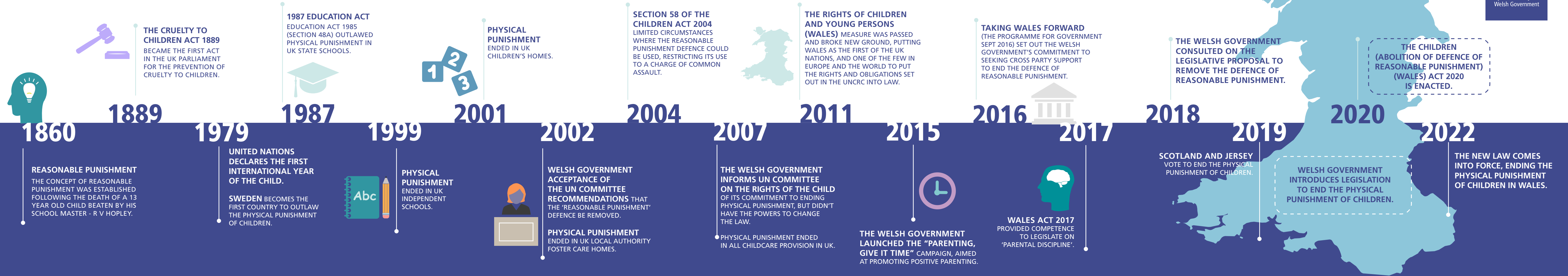


Ending Physical Punishment - The journey to protecting children from physical punishment (1860-2022)



1860

REASONABLE PUNISHMENT
THE CONCEPT OF REASONABLE PUNISHMENT WAS ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A 13 YEAR OLD CHILD BEATEN BY HIS SCHOOL MASTER - R V HOPLEY.

1889

THE CRUELTY TO CHILDREN ACT 1889
BECAME THE FIRST ACT IN THE UK PARLIAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

1979

UNITED NATIONS DECLARES THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.
SWEDEN BECOMES THE FIRST COUNTRY TO OUTLAW THE PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN.

1987

1987 EDUCATION ACT
EDUCATION ACT 1985 (SECTION 48A) OUTLAWED PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT IN UK STATE SCHOOLS.

1999

PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT ENDED IN UK INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

2001

PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT ENDED IN UK CHILDREN'S HOMES.

2002

WELSH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF THE UN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE 'REASONABLE PUNISHMENT' DEFENCE BE REMOVED.
PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT ENDED IN UK LOCAL AUTHORITY FOSTER CARE HOMES.

2004

SECTION 58 OF THE CHILDREN ACT 2004
LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE REASONABLE PUNISHMENT DEFENCE COULD BE USED, RESTRICTING ITS USE TO A CHARGE OF COMMON ASSAULT.

2007

PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT ENDED IN ALL CHILDCARE PROVISION IN UK.
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT INFORMS UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD OF ITS COMMITMENT TO ENDING PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT, BUT DIDN'T HAVE THE POWERS TO CHANGE THE LAW.

2011

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (WALES) MEASURE WAS PASSED AND BROKE NEW GROUND, PUTTING WALES AS THE FIRST OF THE UK NATIONS, AND ONE OF THE FEW IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD TO PUT THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS SET OUT IN THE UNCRC INTO LAW.

2015

THE WELSH GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED THE "PARENTING, GIVE IT TIME" CAMPAIGN, AIMED AT PROMOTING POSITIVE PARENTING.

2016

TAKING WALES FORWARD (THE PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT SEPT 2016) SET OUT THE WELSH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO SEEKING CROSS PARTY SUPPORT TO END THE DEFENCE OF REASONABLE PUNISHMENT.

2017

WALES ACT 2017 PROVIDED COMPETENCE TO LEGISLATE ON 'PARENTAL DISCIPLINE'.

2018

THE WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTED ON THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THE DEFENCE OF REASONABLE PUNISHMENT.

2019

SCOTLAND AND JERSEY VOTE TO END THE PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN.
WELSH GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO END THE PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN.

2020

THE CHILDREN (ABOLITION OF DEFENCE OF REASONABLE PUNISHMENT) (WALES) ACT 2020 IS ENACTED.

2022

THE NEW LAW COMES INTO FORCE, ENDING THE PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN IN WALES.