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### HIGH COURT TO HEAR THREE TEENAGERS' CHALLENGE TO THEIR "KETTLING" BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE ON 24 NOVEMBER 2010

On 5 and 6 July 2011, the High Court will hear a claim for judicial review against the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, brought by Rosie Castle, aged 15, and Adam Castle and Sam Eaton, both aged 16.

Adam and Rosie Castle and Sam Eaton took part in the "National Student Walkout" on 24 November 2010 in protest against the proposed rise in university tuition fees and the abolition of the Educational Maintenance Allowance. Like many hundreds of other children, on the morning of 24 November 2010 they left their schools and made their way into Central London to take part in the demonstration. In the course of that demonstration, they were kettled for periods up to about 7 ½ hours.

They now seek to challenge that kettling on the basis that the police failed to meet the obligations that they owe to children under the Children Act 2004 as well as under the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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**Note** – See articles here:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/pressure-grows-to-ban-kettling-as-police-face-triple-legal-challenge-2306258.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-13679665>