



the parents so the children will not be adversely affected by this," Chen said.

Green scarves used to be used as encouragement in some primary schools in Beijing, Shanghai and Wuhan, but the practice was stopped because they could not be considered as another form of the red scarf.

Chen Xixue, deputy director of Shaanxi provincial youth working committee, said that the committee did not support the school's use of green scarves as the measure did not meet the provisions of the Chinese Young Pioneers Team.

"As a national children's mass organization, its symbol should be standardized," the deputy director said.

Xu Jianguo, director of Xi'an educational society, told Xi'an-based Huashang Daily that the green scarves divided the children into different groups and could harm some pupils' self-esteem.

Founded in 1949 and run by the Communist Youth League of China, Chinese Young Pioneers is the country's largest children's organization. The red scarf is its only symbol and members are often referred to as "red scarves".

