

High Court issues injunction to LGBT teaching protestors

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This judgement will be of assistance to other schools that have previously suffered similar protests because of actual or perceived curriculum teaching. Whilst this decision was based on the facts of the case, including what was being taught and the actions by some of the protestors, some of the comments by Mr Justice Warby are helpful to other schools teaching similar curriculums. He concluded that "The matters that have actually been taught are limited, and lawful."

Since the protests in Birmingham at the beginning of this year, we have advised a number of schools on issues of a similar nature, varying in seriousness. Whilst every curriculum that is being taught will be judged on its own merits, it is undoubtedly also useful that he found claims from the protestors that the teaching amounted to 'indoctrination' to be false.

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