



Muslim School



Jewish School



Sikh School



Christian School

**DO YOU THINK OUR SCHOOLS
SHOULD BE OPEN AND INCLUSIVE?**

**DO YOU THINK PUPILS SHOULD BE
FREE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN BELIEFS?**

**DO YOU THINK SCHOOLS SHOULD BE
FREE FROM RELIGIOUS CONTROL?**

SO DO WE.

**NO MORE
FAITH SCHOOLS**

NO MORE SEGREGATION. NO MORE DISCRIMINATION. NO MORE FAITH SCHOOLS.

No More Faith Schools is a national campaign dedicated to phasing out state funded faith schools.

Faith schools harm social cohesion, foster segregation of children on social, ethnic and religious lines, and undermine choice and equality. They also enable religious groups to use public money to evangelise to children.

This campaign is a platform for everyone who wants to see an inclusive education system, free from religious control.

Our country is becoming more diverse and less religious. Despite this faith schools are growing in number and variety. But most of us just want good local schools. The vast majority of parents choose schools based on their location and academic standards – very few choose schools for their religious ethos.

We support an inclusive and religiously-neutral approach to education. We want all children to be able to develop their own beliefs, in schools that are equally welcoming to families of all faiths and none.

If you support our vision for a secular education system, please join us in saying No More Faith Schools.

Let's build an inclusive education system today, to ensure an inclusive society tomorrow!



FAITH SCHOOL **MYTH** BUSTER

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MYTH “FAITH SCHOOLS ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS”

FACT: There's nothing magical about a religious ethos when it comes to academic success. Where some faith schools achieve marginally better results, it is usually down to faith-based selection benefiting better off families.

MYTH “FAITH SCHOOLS GIVE PARENTS GREATER CHOICE”

FACT: Faith schools restrict choice for many parents who do not want a faith-based education for their children or who do not share the religion of their local school. In some areas, parents are left with little option but to send their child to a school with a religious ethos. Faith schools' unique ability to discriminate on religious grounds also means many pupils are turned away from their local school.

MYTH “FAITH SCHOOLS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT PARENTS' RELIGIOUS FREEDOM”

FACT: Religious freedom isn't a right to have the state fund or promote your religion. The state should provide schools that respect parents' and pupils' religious freedoms. Schools that are open, inclusive and equally welcoming to all children from all faith and belief backgrounds do that by default. By pushing specific religious views, faith schools actually undermine freedom of religion and belief.

MYTH “WE'RE STUCK WITH THEM”

FACT: Not at all. Few other European nations fund faith schools, and where they do this is being questioned. A growing number of people recognise the need to phase out faith schools. Many politicians recognise the problems with organising education around religion but consistently overestimate faith schools' popularity – our national campaign gives a voice to the people of all faiths and none who want an inclusive education system.

SIGN UP

**SIGN THE
NATIONAL
PETITION**

**WRITE TO
YOUR MP**

**CHALLENGE A
NEW FAITH
SCHOOL**

**CAMPAIGN
LOCALLY**

**SHARE YOUR
STORY**

Faith schools build division into our society; the campaign against them is growing. A secular and inclusive education system is not only an achievable goal, but an absolute must to ensure people of all faiths and beliefs can coexist peacefully.



Faith schools contribute to the fragmentation of our education system and the religious segregation of pupils. This is not conducive to social integration, cohesion and equal opportunities for all. That's why I'm supporting the 'No more faith schools' campaign. I want to see an education system that is free from religious control and that brings together pupils from all backgrounds and beliefs.



Peter Tatchell

Human rights campaigner



It is extraordinary that, in 21st century Britain, we should allow taxpayers' money to be spent on state schools that discriminate against children based not on their ability or need or where they live, but simply on their parents' religious beliefs.



Julia Hartley-Brewer

Broadcaster and journalist



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This campaign is coordinated by the National Secular Society. The NSS works for the separation of religion and state and equal respect for everyone's human rights so that no one is either advantaged or disadvantaged on account of their beliefs.

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