

Government has 'washed its hands' of teacher who showed Mohammed pictures

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The Government has "washed its hands" of the Batley Grammar School teacher who was suspended after showing pictures of the Prophet Mohammed in class, it has been claimed. Ministers are not doing enough to ensure that Batley Multi Academy Trust's investigation is "unduly influenced" by local imams, according to the National Secular Society (NSS). *I think they mean 'isn't'. Sub editing is a thing of the past.*

Officials at the Department for Education (DfE) are also accused of failing to ensure that the probe will examine the school's reaction to the incident and whether it was appropriate to immediately suspend the teacher.

"This is a bit of a test case for how these things are handled, that's why it is important," said Stephen Evans, chief executive of the NSS. "Here we have a teacher in fear of his life, in hiding and suspended from his job – yet there is nothing to indicate the materials were not handled correctly. We are concerned that the Department for Education doesn't seem interested enough given that the outcome of this will have national implications. They have washed their hands of it."

It is having national implications already, albeit events outside teaching. Look at the