Our schools are being targeted and exploited by evangelical groups as part of their missionary work.

We help parents challenge these attempts at indoctrination.

The legal obligation on all state schools to provide a daily act of worship provides a foot in the door to organisations with evangelistic intentions.

The ambiguity about the specific aims and purpose of religious education, and its low status in schools, also creates an ideal environment for evangelical groups to exploit.

- **In our survey of 300 schools, only 16% of schools had a policy or policies concerning the partisan promotion of religious or political beliefs by external speakers.**
- **No policies of schools surveyed requires parents to be informed of visitors in advance, and no policies clearly prohibited religious proselytising.**

Schools which invite external evangelists may have good intentions, but are often unaware of the group's agenda and unprepared to set appropriate boundaries. Our research has found only a minority of schools have adequate policies in place to ensure inappropriate evangelism doesn't take place. Meanwhile, parents are too often not informed of the visits of the backgrounds of evangelical groups.

External groups can make a valuable educational contribution to schools. **With the right boundaries in place, staff and parents can be assured of no inappropriate proselytising.**

Take action!

1. Challenge inappropriate evangelism in your school

Is evangelism happening at your school? Read our guide to challenging proselytisation.

- Share your story

2. Write to your MP

Ask your MP to support a code of practice so external groups can contribution to schools without evangelism or proselytization.

Enter Postcode:

Find my MP

- Other representatives

We also have template letters to write to your Members of the Scottish or Welsh Parliaments or Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly.

3. Share your story

Tell us why you support this campaign, and how you are personally affected by the issue. You can also let us know if you would like assistance with a particular issue.

- Share your story

4. Join us

Become a member of the National Secular Society today! Together, we can separate religion and state for greater freedom and fairness.

- Join us!

Latest updates

Council and school cut ties with evangelical PSHE group

Posted: Mon, 26 Feb 2024 10:41

Salford City Council and Ellesmere Park High School end partnership with the Message Trust following complaints from parents.

Success: School resists CofE evangelism following NSS concerns

Posted: Mon, 9 Oct 2023 10:39

Nonreligious school says it will 'decline' to join Church of England's "Youth Catalyst Project".

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More information

- Evangelism In State Schools report (PDF, 493 Kb)

  Read our 2013 report on the activities of evangelical organisations in state schools.

- Dealing with inappropriate evangelism in schools

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