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The NSS has welcomed government plans to promote integration by legislating against unregistered and failing independent schools. [Read More »](#)

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Calls to boost integration after claims Muslim children can grow up without meeting non-Muslims

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The National Secular Society has accused the Government of dividing communities with the push to open new faith schools, ahead of a new report on religious and racial segregation in Birmingham. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes calls for more sophisticated approach to extremism and radicalisation

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[Demos warns of ethnic segregation in minority faith schools](#)

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A parliamentary group has published a report saying that Religious Education in schools can help counter extremism and build better community relations. [Read More »](#)

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He asserts that "we are a Christian..." [Read More »](#)

[Government proposes to force private schools to promote "British values" as a means of combating extremism](#)

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The Department of Education is consulting on new rules for private schools that seek to ensure they promote 'British values' and discourage extremism. [Read More »](#)

Eric Pickles' favouring of Christianity risks causing rifts in society

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The Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles – and the Coalition Government as a whole – risks alienating huge swathes of the population of this country with calls to return Christianity to the centre of public life, says the National Secular Society. [Read More »](#)

Minister reinforces role of faith groups in local communities

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At a recent meeting of the Cinnamon Network, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, said: "The problem is that, in our recent years, some people have started becoming suspicious about religion." [Read More »](#)