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**NSS: Scottish worship law needs reform to protect children’s rights**

The NSS has said the Scottish government should end compulsory religious observance in response to a new position on children’s rights.

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