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[Will the government protect the ethos of secular schools?](#)

Posted: Tue, 13 Jul 2021 by [Alastair Lichten](#)

The Department for Education's protections for the secular community ethos of non-faith academies are inadequate. This enables a consolidation of religious control and undermines accountability, argues Alastair Lichten. [Read More »](#)

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[Why was the Church of England allowed to influence the direction of our local secular schools?](#)

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[My children's school has become Christian by default](#)

Posted: Fri, 14 Dec 2018 by [Lee Harris](#)

Lee Harris didn't choose a faith school for his children. But when he challenged evangelism at his local school, he learnt that community school status doesn't necessarily prevent religion from being

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[When is a community school not a community school?](#)

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Religious organisations are pushing for an increased role in non-religious community schools. This seriously risks blurring the line between faith and community schools, writes Alastair Lichten.

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[When is a faith school not a faith school?](#)

Posted: Wed, 08 Jul 2015 by [Alastair Lichten](#)

Academisation and the 'grey area' between faith and non-religious schools may allow even more schools to assume a religious character by stealth. To avoid this, we need a much clearer definition of 'faith school', argues Alastair Lichten.

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