

Fury at woke teacher who scolded pupil for rejecting classmate's claim that she identified as a cat

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A **'woke'** teacher has come under fire after telling a pupil she should 'go to a different school' for rejecting a classmate's claim that she identified as a cat.

The pupil said she was made to stay after class by the teacher, who can be heard in a secret recording calling her view that **gender** is binary 'really despicable' and 'very sad'.

In the three-and-half-minute recording, the angry teacher, who the Mail is not naming, said they would report the girl to a senior colleague, and she needed a 'proper educational conversation about equality, diversity and inclusion'.

The recording at Rye College in East Sussex begins with the teacher asking the pupil: 'How dare you? You just really upset someone, saying things like [you] should be in an asylum.'

The girl responds: 'I didn't say that, I just said if they want to identify as a cow or something, then they are genuinely unwell, and they're crazy.'



A 'woke' teacher has come under fire after telling a pupil she should 'go to a different school' for rejecting a classmate's claim that she identified as a cat (File image)

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'You were questioning their identity,' the teacher replies. 'Where did you get this idea from that there are only two genders?'

'I just said my opinion,' the pupil replies. 'If I can respect their opinion, can't they respect mine?' The teacher goes on to assert there are 'lots of genders' including 'transgender' and 'agender'.

She then links the girl's gender-critical attitude with 'homophobia', adding: 'It is not an opinion... if you don't like it, you need to go to a different school'.

The girl defends herself by saying she was respectful, but admits she felt compelled to ask her classmate 'how can you identify as a cat, when you are girl?'

The teacher does not refer to anyone identifying as a cat in her remarks on the recording.

Rye College was yesterday bombarded by thousands of angry social media messages after the recording went viral.

A spokesman admitted to the Mail that the teacher should have acted differently, by 'ensuring that pupils' views are listened to' and 'encouraging them to ask questions and engage in discussion' - instead of angrily shutting down debate on a controversial issue. The spokesman said they would make sure 'such events do not take place in the future'.

The secondary school is graded as good by Ofsted, and in its previous incarnation as Thomas Peacocke Community College, boasts Stella McCartney as an alumnus. It is a member of the Aquinas Trust, which boasts that one of its key values is 'promoting equality, celebrating diversity, and addressing disadvantage'.

The trust's equality lead, Barry Blakelock, is also executive head at Rye College. His official bio reads: 'Barry believes the best education is an inclusive education - where the diversity of the real world is reflected in every classroom to the benefit of all learners.'

In February, the trust was criticised over plans to 're-educate' children who make non-PC comments in the playground.

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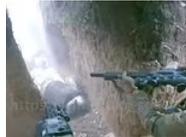
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	kp44, Twickenham, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago	The saddest thing is that it isn't unbelievable, it just should be.	
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	sheilaann52, Southampton, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	Sadly it's not so unbelievable in this day and age. Simply ridiculous!	
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	RoloTomassi, Solihull, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Not really, not any longer.	
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	Truth is now a crime, Swindon, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	I can't understand why we as a society entertain all this stuff that most of us can't get our heads around. The damage to kids when they reach adulthood will be a real problem in the near future	
		Click to rate	128 1
	JamesE, Sheffield, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Sounds to me like the girl is far more intelligent than the teacher. She doesn't seem to be allowed to give her opinion but I'm sure she'd be allowed if she was on the other side of the fence. Whatever happened to free speech!	
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	MrsPatriotic, Clitheroe, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	The world's going mad.	
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	blake_jake, newport, 14 hours ago	Except for the GIRL who was "scolded".	
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	Poutfree zone, Staffordshire, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	The world has gone mad	
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	ajwletscare, Leicester, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Well said young lady, keep it up. I for one have the greatest respect for you.	
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	getlighthouse, Bradford, 14 hours ago	As a teacher with many years of experience, I find this terrifying and if anyone should be shut down, it's this teacher. Truly shocking.	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	1248	6
	Redred18, Wales, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	I always thought school was meant to be somewhere for people to explore different topics safely. And teachers were supposed to teach people how to think for themselves, not what to think.		Click to rate	90	2
	lisa, newcastle upon tyne, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	What on earth is this world coming to Its gone mad	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	1053	7
	Houghy2009, Sheffield, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	The government need to sort this out, & quickly otherwise nobody's going to be going to school.	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	938	5
	like it or not 777, London, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	This teacher should be sacked	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	922	38
	Overit15, Melbourne, Australia, 12 hours ago	Who is going to protect the children? Who is going to stand up?	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	876	8
	david, Languedoc, 12 hours ago	Lots of comments despairing of the current madness and intolerance of differing views but what is anybody doing about it ?	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	854	7
	Tabbycat2, London, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Ofsted needs looking at - urgently.	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	848	6
	monica, birkenhead, 12 hours ago	This is ridiculous it's getting completely out of hand	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	840	5
	gbBlahBlah, Here and Now, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	The teacher should be sacked and banned from teaching for life!	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	748	19
	Krakenish, Berwickshire, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Lots of teachers should not be allowed anywhere near children. Every adult brings their own opinions and world view into the classroom. Some are better than others at providing an even handed balanced learning environment. Some treat every lesson as a small political rally. And because of the power balance in class, only the teachers views are allowed to be heard.	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	742	11
	Pupster, Earth, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	There is no hope for children these days.	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	666	2
	Jezza65, Solihull, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Every school needs to be urgently checked by the PTA and the local authority to establish exactly what is being taught to our children and why they think identifying as a cat is a good idea. People need to be banned from going anywhere near children over this.				

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 ArthurSwan16, Swansea, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Words fail me!		
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 boris.johnson, London, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Teacher definitely needs sacking with immediate affect.		
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 IbanezShred, leeds, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	So let me get this right - that teacher agrees that a child can identify as a cat! how did that person become a teacher???		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	526	5
 Bill.portland, Exeter, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	And teachers are demanding a pay rise! If I was at school now, I would be expelled on day 1.		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	473	6
 H.Nelson, Waterlooville, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Shes so brave		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	464	9
 Viewfinder, East Coast, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Just how much real education is being wasted in this way. Pupils are being denied lesson time and it's very possible some will deliberately make these claims to disrupt a lesson.		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	450	4
 Boater, Kent, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	What world do these teachers live in?		
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 Proven, Wescliff, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	These Teachers are not teaching principles of schooling but busybodies into personal relationships		
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 Thelordcampbell, Reality, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Name and shame		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	386	3
 God I Needtoretire, Home, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Teachers can be wonderful and inspiring (although I didnt meet many on my journey through comprehensive school in the 1970s) or they can be bullies particularly in the sports department and basketball teacher!		
New Comment Reply	Click to rate	369	15
 Joyce2000, London, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	I had an amazing sports teacher. I found the problem when I was at school back in the late 90s/early 00s was that the young teachers, especially the women, wanted to be mates with the cool kids (my maths teacher who must have been maybe 25-27 in particular). I found it really weird even at the time as they were the ones who performed poorly and acted out. Looking back now, I can only assume they were unpopular themselves and saw it as some weird redemption.		
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 Edna Noose, Essex, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago	I love this girl!!!!!! What a FABULOUS character!She's got more sense than her teacher or the school.		
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Jacko Nory, Berkshire, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago

What are they doing to our kids? My daughter read the article re sex education yesterday and said if this is how schools are run she will be home schooling her own daughter who's just 10 months. My other granddaughter- 9 - had a lesson last week (content not shared with parents). 3 children were so traumatised and upset they had to leave the room.

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Truthseeker7777, City of Hope, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

This teacher should not be teaching in any capacity.

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Kilmouski9, Witney, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago

The 'Wokes' are winning in every facet of our lives.

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Tizzy2019, Newton Abbot, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago

Good for the young girl, common sense.

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Queenpinky, My house, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago

What a girl,with a very sensible head on her young shoulders,shame the teacher doesn't have the same common sense!!...the world really has gone crazy

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Comes Curtes, Just This Side Of Sanity..., United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

The teacher should be dismissed.

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WHW, Lydiard Millicent, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago

Oftsted should reassess the schools grading. The teacher is not fit to teach.

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BMack2, Shilo, Canada, 12 hours ago

I think its the teacher, not the student that needs to move.

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Truthdropper, North Korea, South Korea, 12 hours ago

Well done for recording. Get these things fired out of our educational system

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Littlelia, Warrington, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

Is this really happening in our schools? The world has gone mad. The government need to put a stop to this nonsense immediately. The future is looking bleak for this country, I'm afraid.

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Hacked Off 2020, Liverpool, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

It has got to the stage where the denial of blatant reality is like supporting someone who says day is night just because that is their opinion when they are obviously wrong

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Clarkey, Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago

The education system is in serious need of a major shakeup.

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Lindy, Bournemouth, 13 hours ago

God help us all!!

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ThaiBry, Sunnyside, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

I hope that support will be available to the child who was so arrogantly lectured by her teacher. It could not have been pleasant for her and she deserves our support.

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	Suzy, London, 13 hours ago	The teacher is a disgrace.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	209	6
	dsurveyor1, Bude, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Maybe some teachers would improve our kids education if they simply identified themselves as teachers and concentrated on teaching instead of politics.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	205	1
	lloret, Hyde, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago	The teacher needs to go to a different school.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	197	3
	Graham41, Newcastle-under-Lyme, United Kingdom, 12 hours ago	Should never be allowed in any school.			Click to rate	24	1
	jprior, Dunstable, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	The government should have issued proper, sensible advice for schools years ago. A completely ridiculous situation and I'm very sorry for the poor girl who put up a well reasoned defence for her position against children identifying as cats.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	197	3
	Macsbram, Leeds, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Teacher should be sacked. Girl has genuine opinion as long as said respectfully perfectly valid. She's not forced to submit to teacher's views. Hers are more factual. Anyone can believe what they want, but physical facts are facts.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	193	2
	CopperLondon, London, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	With Teachers like this what hope do our children have.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	180	2
	I ham back, leeds, 13 hours ago	The brave young pupil might have replied....Me...How?	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	167	3
	Betty May, Queensland, Australia, 18 hours ago	Teacher needs to go not the student	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	151	2
	jud yconnah, liverpool, United Kingdom, 15 hours ago	Words fail me just Unbelievable	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	149	0
	milinks, sleaford, United Kingdom, 17 hours ago	Well done that pupil. Shame on that teacher.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	149	1
	TiredOfExtremists, Donny, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	The teacher said the pupil shouldn't be in the school? That teacher shouldn't be in that profession	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	147	3
	Phil, Lincolnshire, 16 hours ago	Well done that student.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	140	2
	Bob humbug, Orpington, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Good for her.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	128	7

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	Skint, Cheshire, 15 hours ago	Good for her	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	113	7
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	Mb350, Herts, 19 hours ago	Good for her, recording it.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	111	1
	PutThatLightOut, London, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	I'm a retired teacher and I think this teacher should be sacked.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	111	2
	Man on a Bus, Somewhere, 13 hours ago	Total and utter nonsense. I despair of this country.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	101	1
	Crisden, Carms, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	I really feel for the children of today and beyond as someone commented earlier the government need to step in on this and the sooner the better.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	101	2
	Tea_towel44, Bradford, 16 hours ago	Cannot believe what's happening in the world. Its crazy.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	99	1
	London Lass 22, London, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	So called freedom becomes totally oppressive. Such a farce it's troubling to say the least. The child concerned sounds level headed. Good response!	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	99	2
	DebW12, Blackpool, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	What exactly does identifies as a cat mean? Do they believe they are a cat? And if so, whats a cat doing in school?	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	98	3
	Claire, Swindon, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	The is the calibre of teacher and rubbish being pushed in our schools now. No wonder GenZ seems like a bunch of flakes unable to deal with the world. Is there no one in charge running the Ministry of Education? If you can afford it, send your children to church schools or private schools.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	97	2
	poorsteve, Leeds, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	this is going way to far, it's madness, i just dont understand whats happening but i am willing to bet social media is firing the flames.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	95	1
	RabbitCatcher, Cirencester, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	The teacher was abusive and intolerant to debate. She has no right to be any where near children, should be sacked and possibly banned.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	93	2
	Ronald1971, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	I remember being told I could be anything I wanted to be by teachers when I attended school. It definitely wasn't in the context of what it means nowadays.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	91	2
	zdauidgill, Doncaster, 13 hours ago	This teacher should be fired immediately. Simple !!!					

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	jacb73, Merseyside, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	I truly have no words....	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	85	0
	Wallydog, Redditch, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	World gone mad what world are out teachers taking our kids to?	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	84	1
	McSwizzel, REDLANDCOAST, Australia, 13 hours ago	Just when you think it can not get any worse ,it does.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	81	0
	Mad Kim, pyongyang, North Korea, 13 hours ago	This "teacher " needs a different job more like it	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	80	1
	Murdoch-notinmyname, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	Respect to the girl standing up to the bullying of the teacher.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	78	2
	cuchulainn10, Enniskillen, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago	Totally agree were is this world going	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	76	0
	Cejay, Ollerton, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	About sums up the public education system. Too political and not doing their job of just educating.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	75	1
	LJ13, Dorset, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	Teachers really need to stick to teaching what they're meant to and let children have their own opinions. My daughter is only 1 and I really hope that this has all blown over by the time she's due to go to school!	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	75	1
	PaulRich74, Dubai, UAE, 13 hours ago	God help us when this generation of kids actually has to take responsibility for something...	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	73	0
	DaPlaneDaPlane, Fantasy Island , United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	The way the teacher spoke is very concerning. Why is that acceptable? And why has she retained anonymity when other teachers who find themselves on the other side of the argument are identified, pilloried, bullied out of their jobs, cancelled and worse?	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	71	0
	Durh8m-lad, Hartlepool, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	With schools and teachers like this kids stand no chance.	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	71	2
	milly, southwest, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago	This is so dangerous	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	70	0
	I mean well , North Yorks, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago	It's about time someone in government had the guts to stand up to this nonsense. Otherwise, before you know it we'll have cats identifying as teachers! (Probably do a better job than this one).	New Comment	Reply	Click to rate	70	1

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	Rooz, Gravesend, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago			
	What happened to free speech and debate? Yes, this girl SHOULD go to a different school, the one she is at is obviously rubbish.....and what about the School Rating? What were the auditors thinking?			
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	jeanjones, auckland , New Zealand, 19 hours ago			
	The world has gone mad!!!			
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	Oxfordblue44, Oxford, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago			
	That's teacher needs to be fired.			
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	Shelley Hugill, Lincoln , United Kingdom, 15 hours ago			
	The problem is that these teachers are with our children for 6-8 hours a day and are able to spew their rhetoric in their naive and susceptible young minds. It's really frightening how they exercise this control and warp children to their way of thinking			
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	Biscuit Base, Brisbane, Australia, 17 hours ago			
	The world has gone utterly mad.			
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	Words fail me !			
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	bailey140790, Dalgety Bay, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago			
	This teacher has gone too far			
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	Veronica Essex, London, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago			
	I really despair. My grandchildren i feel sorry for them.			
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	Mummy Moo, London, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago			
	That teacher needs to be sacked. I listened to the audio last night, those girls were very eloquent in their arguments. So many teachers should not be in classrooms.			
	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	64	2
	Terminator65, Bingley, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago			
	The teacher needs to be sacked asap			
	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	63	1
	Royalwithcheese, London, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago			
	I'm genuinely worried about what my grandchildren are being exposed to at school these days.			
	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	60	1
	HackneyBoy1, London, United Kingdom, 14 hours ago			
	Caught out by the recording. Now watch the teacher and school backtrack.			
	New Comment Reply	Click to rate	60	2
	Gabriella, London, United Kingdom, 16 hours ago			
	I am so glad this was recorded. No matter what your views are, this teacher was employing scare tactic and was a bully to a pupil in their care. That is not acceptable.			
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anderslee99, Auckland, 20 hours ago

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Eric104, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 13 hours ago

This teacher requires to be sacked . Immediately.

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