

# **Trojan Horse report: All schoolchildren to be taught British values from September, says Michael Gove**

**Education secretary Michael Gove said that, from the start of the next academic year, all of England's 20,000 primary and secondary schools will have to teach British values of tolerance and fairness**

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The review found that one of the school had been funding a Madrassa from its own budget, while at another Muslim children had been taken on trips to Saudi Arabia.

A third school regularly broadcast a call to Muslim prayer over the school's loudspeaker in the playground while another school taught in biology that "evolution is not what we believe".

Currently 4,000 academies and free schools – but not England's 16,000 local authority-run schools - have a duty to "respect" fundamental British values.

Mr Gove said that this would change. He told MPs: "We already require independent schools, academies and free schools to respect British values.

"Now we will consult on strengthening this standard further, so that all schools actively promote British values."

From September this year all schools independent schools, academies and free schools, and all local authority-run schools, will be required "actively to promote fundamental British values".

Talks have already started about how these new standards will be judged by Ofsted inspectors, the Department for Education said. A consultation starting this week will set out the nature of this new requirement.

Current guidance asks schools to “enable pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law” and “provide pupils with a broad general knowledge of public institutions and services in England”.

Pupils are also encouraged “to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs”.

Mr Gove also said that teachers will be banned from the profession if they allow extremists into classrooms.

He said: “I have spoken to the National College for Teaching and Leadership and we will further strengthen the rules so that from now on it is explicit that a teacher inviting an extremist speaker into a school can be banned from the profession.”

Chris Wormald, the Department for Education’s permanent secretary, will also “to investigate how my department dealt with warnings both since the formation of this government in 2010 and before”, Mr Gove said.

He added: “We all must acknowledge there has been a failure in the past to do everything possible to tackle non-violent extremism.”