

I write you in regard the implementation of the mandatory RSE curriculum into Welsh schools and the subsequent abolition of our historical parental rights of exclusion to which I too strongly disapprove.

As I am sure you are aware, the Hon. Mrs Justice Steyn DBE ruled in favour of the Welsh Government on this issue in the recent Kimberley Isherwood & Others v. The Welsh Ministers hearing. However, Mrs Justice Steyn also confirmed the Welsh Governments stated alternatives to RSE at paragraphs 101 and 121:

*Para 121 “It is common ground that in Wales a parent has a right to choose to secure suitable education for their child otherwise than at a state school, whether by means of home schooling or by sending the child to a private school.”*

*Para 101 “The statutory right of excusal from sex education or religious instruction is distinct from a parent’s right to opt to secure suitable education for their child otherwise than at a school (which is sometimes referred to as the ‘right of withdrawal’): s. 7 of the 1996 Act (paragraph 5 above ). Parents can choose to secure suitable education for their children by educating them at home or by sending them to private schools [...].”*

The Hon. Mrs Justice Steyn DBE further clarified at para. 50:

*Para 50 “The Welsh Government’s summary of the responses to the White Paper published in July 2019 showed that of 1,632 respondents, 10.2% agreed with the proposal to make “age and developmentally appropriate RSE compulsory for pupils aged 3-16 years”, **whereas 87.5% disagreed**. Of the 1,602 respondents who answered the question whether the right to withdraw from RE and RSE should be retained, **88.7% agreed it should be retained** and 9.2% expressed the view it should not be retained.”*

Further, and according to the Welsh Governments ‘Consultation – a Summary of Responses’ publication submitted as evidence in Court, the Christian and Jewish communities wholly opposed compulsory RSE from the outset and a full quarter of Welsh Muslim Mosques intervened as joint claimants in the case.

At present it is totally unfeasible to home educate my child/children without either my partner or I giving up work. Accordingly, I wish to make an application for the full 85% subsidisation from the Welsh Governments ‘Private Education Funding Scheme’.

Unfortunately, and despite my searching, I cannot seem to find the appropriate application form online (an EX ?? something I believe it’s called). Please forward me the appropriate application and any accompanying materials relating to criteria etc.

Thankfully