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Secretary of State for Education.

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The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
Secretary of State for International Trade and
Minister for Women and Equalities.

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Dear Gavin, dear Liz,

I write to draw your attention to Stonewall’s scheme for relieving schools of scarce cash in exchange for politically driven, ideological indoctrination in the form of “Stonewall School and College Champion Awards”

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/school-champions/stonewall-school-champion-awards>).

The litany of inconsistencies and incompatibilities between Stonewall’s philosophy for “supporting LGBT children”

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/system/files/an_intro_to_supporting_lgbt_young_people_2020.pdf) and current Department for Education Guidance are too numerous to list as they contravene:

Curriculum Planning

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-your-relationships-sex-and-health-curriculum>

Parental Engagement

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884450/Parental_engagement_on_relationships_education.pdf

Teaching Modules

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teaching-about-relationships-sex-and-health#train-teachers-on-relationships-sex-and-health-education>

and ignore OFSTED

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-teaching-of-the-protected-characteristics-in-schools/inspecting-teaching-of-the-protected-characteristics-in-schools>

Furthermore, they reinterpret provisions of the Equality Act 2010 as if the protected characteristic of ‘gender reassignment’ were actually ‘gender identity’ – something Parliament chose explicitly not to permit. (See the Government Response to Consultation on the Equality Bill, 9.40 to 9.42 and 9.8.)

This new Stonewall income earner is due to be launched in February. I believe that you will wish to instruct Stonewall, who act as Education Department most senior advisers and are paid by a large number of government departments and institutions to follow the laws and official guidelines; rather than to market materials for schools which directly contravene these.

Indeed, it is surely astonishing to learn that this proposal has slipped through the undoubtedly strong net of Child Protection that our government has firmly put in place.

I hope that you will see fit to stop this latest effort at thwarting the DfE’s excellent work in favour of untimely materials from an outside organisation.

With all very best wishes,

Yours ever,



Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne