

A successful challenge by a young student in a Sheffield secondary school:

It was a non-uniform day.

My 14 year old son challenged his school when they told him to remove his Palestine scarf. The headteacher was called in and my son, very swiftly, respectfully and using undeniable facts...got her to back down as she couldn't argue with what he was saying. To this day he still has his Palestine scarf tied to his school bag and wears it along with his Palestine hoodie on non-uniform day. I'm so proud of him 🙌 If you will just give me a moment of your time this is what happened.

His class teacher said that he can't wear this to school on non-uniform day:



To which my son responded that he stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people. He was told to wait outside the class and the headteacher was called. This was at ***** school. She told him that he has to remove them as they are a political statement and some people may find them offensive.

His response:

“In terms of political statements, this school had no problem in having a fundraiser for Ukraine and having Ukrainian flags...don't you think that was offensive to this school's Russian students?”

“ when you consistently push the lgbtq+ agenda, don't you think that's offensive to pupils who want to identify with the gender and sexual orientation that they were born with?”

“ when you allow two weeks Christmas holidays for Christmas and only Muslims are classed as having an authorised absence on the day of Eid and other religions' holidays aren't even recognised in a school of different nationalities... don't you think some that's offensive to some people?”

“Why is it allowed for kids to wear the badges of the football clubs that they support because some people might find that offensive?”

“First treat everyone equally instead of picking sides.”

“So if you want me to remove this because it's offensive to some people...then first remove what everyone in this school deems offensive and remove the obvious bias...and then come and ask me to remove this.”

To which the headteacher said she would have to find out the school's legal standing. That was a number of months ago. They haven't got back to my son..and he continues to wear the Palestine scarf. Soooo proud of him!!!