

Education Secretary condemns threats to Batley teacher amid Prophet Mohammed cartoon row

From [One parent in Thursday's protest](#) insisted the teacher had shown the images before. "It's the second time this teacher has done this so they want him to be sacked," the parent told the local newspaper.

But quite what was shown is unclear. A reporter working for The Telegraph on the ground must have asked 20 parents and members of the community what precisely the teacher had shown the children but was unable to establish exactly what or the context. Many of the parents had heard second-hand reports but none necessarily seemed to know exactly what had happened.

On Facebook, Zeeshan Mohammed published a poster declaring: "Defend the honour of our Prophet Mohammed." In capital letters it said: "URGENT" and called for protesters to gather outside the school. It named the teacher – The Telegraph has chosen not to do so – and explained: "A teacher deliberately showed derogatory caricatures (French Cartoons) of our beloved Prophet Mohammad and told the students that it was his right to show this!" *I also noticed the name of the teacher this morning, and also, for those very obvious reasons didn't publish it. It has gone from the site where I noticed it. His safety is at stake.*

The post went on: "He failed to apologise or accept any wrong doing when challenged by parents. It is imperative that *ALL OF US* turn up to demand the resignation of this teacher as an absolute minimum and fulfil our duty of defending the honour of RasoolAllah."

The row had begun in a classroom in Batley Grammar School on Monday but its ramifications are likely to be felt for many, many days to come.