

Live from Yorkshire, Mohammed cartoon protest outside Batley Grammar School

From the ["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," one message on Facebook said. The message, which purported to name the teacher in question, urged people to come and "defend the honour of our prophet Muhammad".

In an email sent to parents headteacher Gary Kibble apologised for the "inappropriate" resource used in the lesson.

It reads: "The school would like to thank the parents who contacted us on March 22 highlighting concerns with a resource used in an RS lesson that day. Upon investigation, it was clear that the resource used in the lesson was completely inappropriate and had the capacity to cause great offence to members of our school community for which we would like to offer a sincere and full apology."

Knee jerk instant apology again.

Our reporter Connor Teale said police have moved in to try and disperse crowds – they are now threatening protesters with Covid fines. *While I have little sympathy with the cause of the protest this is being used too much lately. As the crowd is chanting "Get the Head" there is more than sufficient cause for arrests etc. Threats to kill by a mob have never been permissible. Although I expect it will be interpreted as "Get the Head (to come and talk to us)"*

Mufti and Imam Mohammed Amin Pandor has given a statement at the school gates. In it he claims the teacher at the centre of the row of the cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad cartoons has

been suspended – this has not been confirmed by the school but a statement is reported to be due soon.

I can't get the videos of this demonstration chanting against the head and teacher to embed here. There is a half dozen, of which this is a screen shot of the chants to "Get the Head". As you can see the protestors are all male, no anxious mothers are involved. The school is co-educational.

Crowd chants 'get the headteacher' outside school



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I don't expect there will be any arrests of covid breaching, death threatening Muslim men. I suspect the teacher will move quietly away from the area with a fatwa on his head and the Head will continue to cower. More later if there are developments

The school have issued a statement confirming that the teacher has been suspended and protesters are dispersing. But not

before stealing a number plate from one of the police cars in attendance.