

Teacher suspended after showing a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad to pupils during an RE lesson at West Yorkshire school refuses to return to work over fears for his life

A teacher who was suspended after showing a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad to pupils during an RE lesson has refused to return to work over fears for his life – despite being cleared of causing deliberate offence and told that he could have his job back.

He continues to remain in hiding with his family and has permanently left the housing association property they shared near Batley. The family have been rehoused at a secret location with not even close relatives being informed about where it is.

Two other members of staff who were also suspended by officials at Batley Grammar School, West Yorkshire have refused to return to the classroom after being reinstated, citing similar concerns that they could be attacked. It has resulted in the entire RE department, which was made up of the three teachers, being replaced by supply staff.

A source close to the teacher, who was head of RE at Batley Grammar School, told