

To [school],

I have just seen [child's] work set on the issue about J K Rowling's measured and intelligent contribution to the debate over changes to the GRC. I strongly object to this work you have set and wish to make a formal complaint.

In this work set, you take a clearly political stance influenced by extreme radical activists. There is no balance and no space for discussion. It is taken as a given that she has committed some 'offence' and has done wrong. You call her views 'objectionable' and ask pupils to question all her work in light of an imagined offence.

Her 'offence' was the exercise of free speech, a core democratic right in the UK - or does [school] teach children otherwise? Do you encourage free debate or do you shut it down? If one of your female pupils dared to express support for single sex spaces, would you tell her she is 'transphobic' and objectionable and everything known about her now has to be re-evaluated?

I for one, and millions of women across the UK, welcomed J K Rowling's contribution to public debate. What you are saying to children is that women have no right to speak out. Even on issues that directly concern them.

She is standing up for the right to single sex exemptions under the current Equality Act. So she is actually only asking for the upholding of existing UK legislation, which allows single sex spaces in certain areas (prisons, refuges, hospital wards)

Does [school] support and uphold UK legislation or are you campaigning for change to the Equality Act. I think parents should be told, if you are.

I find deeply offensive that you tell my child that standing up for women's rights is 'objectionable'.

How dare you suggest a woman should be silenced, boycotted and erased for questioning self ID. How dare you suggest this view is unpopular, when most people understand the idea of biological sex and understand that this is the precise basis on which women and girls are oppressed. What do you teach in biology? I find it really alarming that you may teach nonsense that sex somehow is not real and is 'assigned'.

What else are you teaching children on this issue? Do you also let political activists from Mermaids, Stonewall and Gendered Intelligence into the school? I want to know now. Their views have no scientific basis and are deeply misogynistic and homophobic and no different to those of a religious cult. They encourage gender non conforming children to think something is wrong with them and they need surgery, drugs etc.

How is it the role of a school to tell my child that standing up for vulnerable women's right to have single sex spaces is 'transphobic'? You are encouraging my child to accept the erasure of women's voices, including those like J K Rowling who are survivors of domestic abuse and have every right to express their opinion on legislative changes that impact on women. I feel sorry for girls in your school if this is your attitude.

I want to talk to the head teacher about this as a matter of urgency, and I will be complaining to our MP about this and I will be complaining to the governors as well.