

To: The Secretary General Amnesty International

Our Letter to Amnesty International

By email only

Date: 13 July 2026



Re: Retraction, Public Apology and Compensation

Dear Amnesty International Team,

I write on behalf of **Protect and Teach**, a small grassroots organisation run by just three trustees. We exist solely to support parents and protect children by promoting transparency, evidence-based education, and legitimate parental involvement in schools.

We were concerned to learn that our organisation has been included in your recent report 'A Growing Threat: The Anti-Rights Movement in the UK' as part of an alleged "anti-rights ecosystem." We respectfully request an immediate review and removal of this designation.

We are profoundly disappointed that Amnesty International chose to include Protect and Teach in its report without contacting us beforehand to verify the facts, understand our work, or offer us any meaningful opportunity to respond to the allegations or characterisations made.

Protect and Teach is **not a funded lobbying organisation**, nor are we affiliated with any political party or ideological movement. We are an independent organisation established to help families when schools are unable or unwilling to address concerns about curriculum content, safeguarding, and ideological approaches in education. Our work focuses on:

- Greater transparency so parents can understand what is being taught.

- Protection of children from premature or contested ideologies presented as uncontested fact.
- Upholding parental rights and balanced, age-appropriate education.
- Promotion of safeguarding, child protection, education and the welfare of children and vulnerable people.

Our overriding concern has always been the protection, wellbeing and safeguarding of children. By naming Protect and Teach in a report that associates organisations with extremism or hostility, Amnesty has created a false and damaging impression about our organisation, our volunteers and those who work with us. Labelling a tiny volunteer group like ours; with only three trustees, as part of an “anti-rights” or “hate” movement is disproportionate and risks silencing legitimate parental voices. Many families feel excluded or intimidated when raising concerns, as evidenced by reports of schools issuing exclusion letters or dismissing parental input.

As a result of your publication, our reputation has been harmed. Individuals reading your report could reasonably conclude that Protect and Teach is motivated by prejudice rather than safeguarding. That implication is wholly inaccurate and fundamentally unfair.

The consequences of such reporting are serious. Damage to reputation affects public confidence, potential partnerships, fundraising opportunities, professional relationships and the willingness of individuals to engage with our work. It also exposes our volunteers and supporters to abuse and harassment.

We note that numerous organisations and individuals have publicly challenged Amnesty International’s report and its methodology, expressing concern about factual inaccuracies, misleading characterisations and the absence of balanced engagement with the organisations criticised. Protect and Teach shares those concerns.

Accordingly, we formally request that Amnesty International:

1. Publish a full public apology to Protect and Teach.
2. Remove or substantially amend all references to Protect and Teach that inaccurately characterise our organisation or its work.
3. Publish a correction making clear that Protect and Teach is an independent organisation whose work centres on child protection and education.
4. Confirm what due diligence and fact-checking was undertaken before naming our organisation.
5. Explain why Protect and Teach was not contacted for comment before publication.
6. Provide details of the complaints procedure available in relation to the report.
7. Enter into discussions regarding appropriate financial compensation for the reputational damage caused by the publication.

We would welcome the opportunity to engage constructively with Amnesty. Please provide the specific evidence used to classify Protect and Teach in this way, and afford us the chance to respond before any further publication or dissemination of the report.

Should Amnesty International maintain the allegations or implications made within the report, we ask that you provide the evidence relied upon to support each statement relating specifically to Protect and Teach.

We hope this matter can be resolved promptly and professionally. However, if Amnesty declines to correct the record, retract the inaccurate material and provide an appropriate public apology, we will consider all available options to protect the reputation of Protect and Teach, including seeking independent legal advice.

Protect and Teach exists for one purpose: to promote the safety, dignity and welfare of children through lawful, evidence-based safeguarding. We are

proud of that work and will continue to defend it. We remain committed to open dialogue on these important issues affecting children and families.

We request a substantive written response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Best Regards,

Cathy Mudge

Chair of Trustees

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