

**Background:** By letter of 30 September 2009, The Secretary of State Ed Balls appointed Maurice Smith to enquire into the "promotion of racism in schools". Part of the review is aimed at determining whether members of the British National Party (BNP) should be allowed to work as teachers or in the wider school workforce.

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request 1.** Has your authority ever found a member of the BNP or any other political Party guilty of a disciplinary offence related to their Party membership in the last three years? If so please give information as to when and how many.

**Response**

No.

**Request 2.** Has any parent complained to you regarding the Party membership of any employee or the expression of political views within School classrooms under your authority during the last three years?

**Response**

No complaints have been registered under this category.

**Request 3.** What safeguards do you currently have in place to prevent members of any political Party promoting their views within Schools?

**Response**

All staff are required to operate under schools staff handbooks, code of conduct and professional standards. This is implemented, monitored and managed at a school level and in the event of there being a concern/issue it would be managed via the schools disciplinary process/procedure.

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