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I received news about the article below from a Pastor friend in Glasgow, Scotland. Bear in mind that the Daily Record is one of the largest newspapers in Scotland. Take not of the words they use " extremists," " infiltrate," and so on. All of this commotion? The teaching of abstinence and that homosexuality is a sin. The link for the article can be found at the bottom.....bro Frank

School bosses kick out extremist US religious sect as parents demand answers from head teacher after Daily Record's revelations THE US sect exposed by the Daily Record for infiltrating a Scots school were kicked out by council bosses yesterday.

A letter was sent to parents of pupils at Kirktonholme Primary, saying their children would no longer be exposed to the extremist teachings of West Mains Church of Christ.

South Lanarkshire council chiefs also launched an investigation into the sect's eight-year involvement in the East Kilbride school.

And they admitted that the group had infiltrated another school in the area whose pupils have learning difficulties.

The council took action after the Record revealed how "missionaries" from the sect were invited into Kirktonholme by head teacher Sandra MacKenzie.

Unbeknown to many parents, several of the extremists worked as classroom assistants. They also helped with homework and performed other mainstream roles.

And at assembly, pupils were handed two alarming books spelling out the sect's controversial theories.

A council spokesman said the group would no longer be involved in any school in the area.

Referring to the books given to pupils, he added: "The theories explored in these books do not feature in mainstream teaching and it was not appropriate for them to be given to pupils in this way.

"We are carrying out an investigation into how this came about."

The spokesman said the sect's Jared Blakeman will no longer be a chaplain at Kirktonholme or at Greenburn, the other East Kilbride school involved.

The decision to hand out the books "one of which warns pupils they risk being murdered in a world without God" was staunchly defended by MacKenzie.

The head teacher was not at Kirktonholme yesterday to witness parents venting their fury about their kids being exposed to the sect.

Council chiefs are under mounting pressure to suspend her "but last night she remained in post.

MacKenzie, who shares the head teacher post with Elizabeth Mockus, was due to face a meeting with parents on Tuesday.

But she will no longer attend. Parents will only be able to discuss the issue with her if they make a one-to-one appointment.

One parent said: "It's the head teacher that caused this mess, so it's ridiculous that she is the one to sit there and take the sting out of any complaints."

Yesterday, parents were sent a letter from the school saying: "You will be aware that earlier this week, pupils received two books which had been donated by West Mains Church of Christ.

In discussions between the school and the church, it has been agreed that the chaplain will withdraw from the chaplaincy team and neither he nor the AIM (Adventures in Mission) workers will have any further input into Kirktonholme Primary.

This brings to an end the association between the school and the church. The headteacher will discuss the matter with the parent council next week.

The Church of Christ, who denounce the theory of evolution and believe homosexuality is a sin, are based in the US Deep South.

Mum Michelle Blackwood, 28, came to the school to demand answers about how the sect had been allowed to infiltrate Kirktonholme.

She and her husband Gary were disgusted by the books given to their son, who is in primary three.

She said: "My husband has posted the link to the Daily Record article all over Facebook to warn other parents of what has been happening. The books went straight in the bin. I was christened Catholic, my partner is Protestant but we wanted our child to make up their own mind."

Karen Maxwell, 52, whose grandson goes to Kirktonholme, said: "It is shocking.

"Parents should give consent for any sort of preaching at all. It's a nondenominational school.

"I will be going to that meeting on Tuesday and I will have questions."

There was also shock from across the political spectrum.

Green MSP Patrick Harvie said: "It's very disturbing that this extremist group has been peddling its absurd ideas in Scottish schools."

Labour's education spokeswoman Kezia Dugdale said: "The involvement of external organisations within the school environment must always be carefully considered."

East Kilbride MSP Linda Fabiani said the books handed out by the sect were "entirely inappropriate".

She added: "I was contacted by several local people who had very real concerns."

A Scottish Government spokeswoman said the situation in East Kilbride is being monitored

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