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Mrs Sarah Crouch
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Dear Mrs Crouch,

Re: You are Gay

I am in receipt of a letter you sent parents in which you criticise a child for calling another child's shoes 'gay' – by writing this letter, you are gay and at the same time institutionally homophobic!

I am bisexual, and I am also a media studies graduate and researcher. Anyone who denies people freedom of expression, such as saying they can't call something or a situation 'gay' is gay. Here are some examples of things which are 'gay':

- Things which are out of place; such as someone wearing odd socks, shoes no one else wears, or a Catholic priest wearing a frilly dress
- Men doing things stereotypically female; such as wearing pink clothes, driving a pink curvy car, wearing a flowery top
- Things which are showy; such as a couple holding hands or kissing in public, a man showing off his bare chest, someone boasting about their body parts or other advantages, or a Catholic priest being proud of his collar
- Someone presented as super-perfect; such as Kylie looking tall and spotless in her videos, Robbie suggesting he is a great sportsman in his videos
- One sex intimately interacting with the same sex; such as footballers hugging after scoring a goal, rugby players gripping each other's backsides in the scrum.
- Out-dated stereotypes; like woman portrayed as vulnerable and needy, teachers thinking they are somehow the fountain of all knowledge, or a Catholic Church that thinks only men have the right to the top jobs.
- Anyone claiming authority they don't have; such as headteachers thinking they are the guardians of pupils who do not need that because they are independent minded, or a Catholic priest that denounces people of other faiths.
- Someone who identifies with 'gay culture' regardless of sexual orientation, which would include heterosexual women kissing while Katy Perry's 'I kissed a girl' is playing, or heterosexual women performing together at a strip club for men.

So Mrs Crouch, you can see that from that list you are gay and so are your staff and school!

Yours sincerely,



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