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Dear Sir

I note the failed appeal to ensure Parents can take children out of State Funded Schools during Term Time. I note too the Government Ministers' "not when the sun shines" quip reported on the BBC. An atypical 'clever' remark from one above it all.

I write to you from Canada. I am an immigrant to this great land since August 31st 2016. A major reason for me leaving was my being threatened with fines and refused permission for our son to be off school for an international gathering of our family.

The British Government is acting as East German State. It enforces, by Criminal Law, education attendance prosecuting parents who do not 'adhere' to it's diktats.

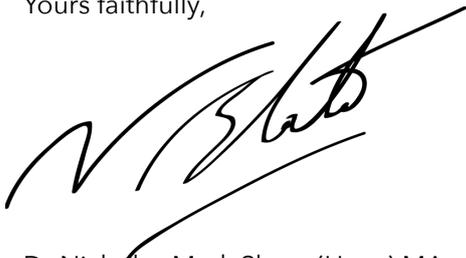
Civil 'Servants' are to serve? Their job title speaks this role. They are not ennobled as Civil Dictators. Even though they are privileged the trick is to appear humble and not to incense the populous or the peasants will revolt. Has this been forgotten? Hundreds of thousands of families are bullied daily. Eventually they will revolt, or leave.

Arguing, at tremendous expense with dexterity and aplomb around the semantics of 'attendance' - is no doubt great fun for Supreme Judges and Barristers. But can nobody see the Emperor in his new clothes? The premise was wrong in the first place.

Parents are British Citizens, they should be free in their own land. They are not. This issue is one of fundamental liberty. Also, a married couple is a married couple (my wife and I were charged separately) so marriage was not acknowledged by the State either? How dare they. I cannot protect my wife from the State? Is this the Britain I represented at two Olympic Games? I think not. Can nobody see this to be an incredible abuse of power? Has arrogance distanced the Servant from the Served? It seems so.

A solution? Why not be radical? Why not 'trust' parents to want the best for their children? Nuke the law and let them choose to take their children to school, or not?

Yours faithfully,



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