

EDUCATION MATTERS

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Education Matters is designed to provide parents and those interested in education with current “snippets” and links to information that might be of help in understanding and dealing with educational issues and bringing up children in a society that, on the whole, does not hold any respect for biblical teaching.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CVIE

Dear Friends and Supporters of Christian Values in Education,

Welcome to the first edition of Education Matters for 2025. I trust that all of you have had a good start to 2025, whatever your persuasion for education as a parent, educator or for many of our supporters who show such keen interest and give prayerful support, which is deeply appreciated.

We are busy planning this year's conference, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 27th September, God Willing. Please put the date in your diary. Alongside this event, we also hope to schedule in a Zoom evening with Steve Beegoo, representing the Christian Schools Trust, date TBC, will confirm. Our printed newsletter will be published in early summer.

The Schools Bill continues to cause anxiety to Christians on a number of levels. The new Government has rejected the amendment made by the former Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan in 2023, which acknowledged parental concerns over PSHE and RSE materials. The Schools Bill has so far had very few sitting days in Parliament, and there are 128 pages to the Bill, which would give potential unprecedented powers to Local Authorities to intrude into the homes of families, ask searching questions and collect data of those educated at home. We have included various articles about this issue below and would recommend that all take time to read and be informed. We hope to have a keynote talk about the Schools Bill at our National Conference, by which time there will be further information available.

Other articles include topics on evolution, the sad fact that RE is not being taught in many schools, advice on parenting, a range of articles on managing technology for your child, and a moving, thoughtful final article on raising a disabled child.

As we approach the Easter weekend, may we consider Him, who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself. What a debt of gratitude we owe to the Saviour for His great love to sinners!

*'Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

With Christian greetings
Dan Sayers

CViE Chair
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THE CHILDREN'S WELLBEING AND SCHOOLS BILL

We have assembled some articles that we trust will be of interest to parents as they wait for the outcome of the process leading to this pending impactful legislation –

[A Troubling Theme – the Misguided Notion that the Bureaucrat Knows Best](#)

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[Labour Blocks Parents' Right to Know What Their Children Are Being Taught](#)

[Landmark Legal Challenge to Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill](#)

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill presently before Parliament is causing serious concern amongst Christian parents – see the [Christian Concern webpages](#) on this.

[The case for PE: Physical activity boosts IQ in children and teens](#)

A recent study suggested that structured physical activity programs improve intelligence in young people, highlighting the important role of exercise in shaping both mind and body during childhood and adolescence.

[My dog ate the evidence for evolution](#)

There are many books that expose the many problems with evolutionary theory. For something shorter, this article offers a simpler approach to a ready argument more easily recalled. Three instances where evolutionists have accidentally acknowledged the lack of evidence for their theory are explored, where theories explaining away the missing evidence betray the flaws.

[4 Evidences for a Young Earth](#)

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Everybody has heard—repeatedly—that the earth is billions of years old. People are led to believe that this is an unassailable scientific fact. There are many people—including well-qualified scientists—who believe the evidence can be read quite differently.

[DEBUNKING All of the Best “Proof” of Evolution in 12 Minutes](#)

An exposé of each major “proof,” exposing the issues with them, and emphasizing the reliability of the biblical creation account.

[Hundreds of schools are breaking the law by failing to teach RE](#)

In England, schools are required to teach Religious Education to all students up to the age of 18, but almost one in six schools in England are breaking the law by failing to teach RE to Year 11 students, a new report reveals. Many schools admit to only teaching the subject to those who select it as a GCSE option.

[More Than 100 Councils Ask Parents What Gender Their Three Year-Old Child is on School Application Form](#)

Parents are being asked how their three year-old children identify to register them for a place at school. Local authority admissions forms ask what “gender identity” primary school aged children have in addition to their sex.

ETHICAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES



[Parents furious as mother says her nine-year-old daughter was shown an image of a naked man during her sexual education class](#)

This shocking and alarming report ought to send every Christian parent to the office of their Headteacher to ensure that this does not happen in their child’s school.

[4 Issues Your Children Are Facing That You Never Had To](#)

Parenting in this culture is fraught with challenges that our parents did not encounter when we were children. Our parents took certain things for granted that our generation of parenting no longer can. The good news is that even though the culture may throw new challenges in

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the face of Christian parents, we believe that Scripture speaks a better, inspired, and authoritative word in which to anchor our parenting.

[The Parenting Book Too Few Parents Read](#)

This article challenges parents, who know that there are many excellent books on parenting at all stages available, to actively access the parenting book that could make the biggest difference to their lives and families. Many neglect to give their attention to the parenting book that God has set right before them. It's the "book" that is being written in the lives of the people in their own local church, as the principles of Scripture are really lived out.

[Parents, Restrain Your Children](#)

Parenting is a significant theme in the Book of Samuel. Reflecting on the book as a whole, the reader may be led to conclude that while parents are not responsible for outcomes, they are held accountable by God for process.

[A Christian Philosophy of Parenting?](#)

This is a very challenging and helpful article on learning some of the skills in parenting children as they grow. An enlightened and balanced approach is suggested, in pursuit of the universal aim of every Christian parent – to help our children "towards virtue, holiness, and love of Jesus".

[Why "the Birds and Bees" Can't Be Just One Talk](#)

Technology makes it way easier than ever before for predatory pornography to find our kids. Even if they are not looking for it, it is looking for them. If we aren't teaching our kids how to think about sexuality and marriage, about their own bodies and how to respect others, someone—or something—else is. Parents must begin to teach even young children about who they are and how to deal with sexuality in a culture that is deeply broken. And they can start today.

[How To Raise Godly Teenagers](#)

Some thoughts about getting along with children and giving them the room they need to become people who don't hate their parents, don't hate the world, and don't hate God.

[How Public Education is Influencing Your Children – Protecting Faith and Values in Schools](#)

Public schools are increasingly influenced by ideologies that conflict with biblical values, and as a result, many parents are concerned about the impact on their children's faith. Discover why it's vital for churches and parents to take a more active role in shaping the education of children, the challenges of "Salt and Light" in today's public schools, and how the Herzog Foundation is helping to create alternatives that prioritize Christian values.

[Kooth – a 'wellbeing' service that indoctrinates children and undermines parental authority](#)

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Parents will have reason to be alarmed by new evidence about the increasingly popular 'Kooth', which offers 'NHS-commissioned mental health support' aimed at children and young people, and which is being promoted by many UK schools. The online service connects children with counsellors and 'emotional wellbeing practitioners', who provide one-to-one support and moderate peer-to-peer conversations on the website's message boards.

TECHNOLOGY



[A Parent's Guide to Talking with Kids about Technology](#)

Technology is not just a "thing" we use; it colors virtually every interaction we have in the world today. We use technology but then technology shapes us into the types of persons that further technology's demands. It's an unending cycle of compulsion-desire-formation. The most important lesson we want to draw out is simple: carelessness toward technology will see you and your household swept up in its power. If there's any call to action that we want to convey, it is the importance of active engagement with your child's (and family's) technology use.

[Screen-heavy households linked to poor language development in kids](#)

Estonian scientists have found that screens can have a negative effect on children's language development, even very young ones. The study surveyed a representative sample of Estonian families, including 421 children aged between two and a half and four years old.

[Three painfully obvious suggestions to reduce your child's screen time](#)

A major concern of paediatricians today is excessive screen time in children. Here are three (painfully obvious) suggestions for avoiding and reducing screen time. Unfortunately, these are increasingly becoming viewed as unnecessary or unreasonable by some parents:

[Social Psychologist Finds Smartphones and Social Media Harm Kids in These Four Ways](#)

Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt argues smartphones and social media damage young people's mental development — and contribute to Gen Z's unprecedented levels of mental illness — and identifies four ways excessive screen time compromises young people's success in the "real world."

[Surgeon General Recommends Warning on Social Media Platforms](#)

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The U.S. Surgeon General argued that social media is an “important contributor” to the “mental health crisis among young people,” and suggests a warning could lower its presence in young people’s lives.

[The Ultimate Guide to Protecting Your Child Online](#)

So many online child safety guides are filled with scary statistics, but don’t tell parents what they can actually do to protect kids online. A group of cybersecurity experts and parents has created a practical playbook, filled with steps to protect your child from sexual predators, cyberbullying, mobile phone addiction, and hurtful content.

[A Parent’s Guide To Smartphones](#)

This guide discusses smartphones, how they have changed our day-to-day lives, what are some beneficial things about smartphones and what are potential harmful effects of smartphones and how smartphones have affected parenting.

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[Six Questions Our Children Have that Demand Answers](#)

Children questions, and parents are responsible to God to answer those questions. Some study and wisdom is required to wisely answer their questions, but answer them we must. The alternative is they will find wrong answers elsewhere.

[Lessons from Caring for a Disabled Child](#)

An honest and moving and very encouraging account of some of the many challenges of caring for a child with significant disabilities.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 26 April 2025

Christian Concern Education Revolution 2025
‘How to change the education landscape for Christ’
The Kings Centre Oxford

Thursday 12 June 2025

TBS 2025 Conference
William Tyndale House, London

Friday 29 August 2025

Truth in Science Summer School 2025
Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

Saturday 27 September 2025

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CViE Conference 2025

Finally ...

Please let us know if there are any topics that you feel should be covered in *Education Matters*. If you come across any issues at all that may be of interest to supporters of CViE, please let us know by emailing: enquiries@cvie.org.uk.

We would acknowledge the Lord's goodness in providing for the work of CViE, and if you are able to contribute to our continued work please [donate here](#).

The Lord grant us a spirit of prayer, that He might help parents and those involved in education to hold fast to the Word of God and that He might watch over children and young people and keep them from the dangers that would corrupt them.

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