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VICTORY FOR THE BRAVEST HEADTEACHER IN BRITAIN

Katharine Birbalsingh hails landmark court ruling backing prayer ban at her school after claim by Muslim pupil

A HEADTEACHER hit out at 'bullying identity politics' yesterday after she won the right to ban Muslim prayer rituals.

Katharine Birbalsingh, who has

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been called Britain's strictest head, said the landmark ruling was a 'victory for all schools'.

And she declared we need the 'honesty' to call out 'deep-seated pro-

gressive racism' in society. A pupil at her Michaela Community School in Wembley, north-west London, had claimed a ban on prayer rituals was a breach of her human rights and violated the Equality Act.

But the High Court yesterday ruled

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