

'Mom, I'm Catalan from Mallorca'

- With 10 years and just arrived from the Canary Islands, he defended the school in Catalan to integrate
- The Balearic Circle denounces indoctrination by teachers



The child claims public education and in Catalan on his Facebook.

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The problems in the **public school Joan Veny Clar de Campos**

[<https://www.elmundo.es/baleares/2014/07/08/53bba10aca4741da288b456e.html>] do not end with the linguistic theme. Juan Miguel and Cristina denounce that their son under 10 years has been subjected to repeated indoctrination in the classroom by teachers. When the child returned from class he **repeated all the "slogans" with surprise**.

They did not give importance until he filled his Facebook with photos of politicians of nationalist ideology, he **began to wear green as a symbol of support for striking teachers who claimed public education and in Catalan**, and made proclamations against the Government. The last straw was when she arrived home one day and said to her mother: **"Mom, I am Catalan from Mallorca"**, recalls Cristina.

The parents believe that he did it to integrate because he felt excluded because he did not understand what his classmates were talking about. According to them, this was because the teacher forbade them to express themselves with him in Spanish. "Another day, that same teacher told the children: Madrid robs us, and our son asked us what that meant," they say. This newspaper contacted the school Joan Veny i Clar repeated but it was impossible to talk to its director.

The Balearic Circle has processed an administrative claim against the teachers of this school for an alleged violation of the disciplinary rules of the teaching staff, **"which must be neutral"**. He also denounces that he has been denied the possibility of speaking in Spanish for daily work during school hours, and even penalized him in his exams for indicating Spanish was the official language in the Balearic Islands.

For the president of the Balearic Circle, Jorge Campos, "these actions corroborate a clear violation of the principle of neutrality by the teachers involved, far exceeding their functions to try to influence the free decision to choose the language you want between the two officers and even express themselves, **with the aggravating circumstance of being a student recently arrived from another Spanish region with Spanish as the official language**".

The case of this family **is not isolated**, says the Balearic Circle, which processes a multitude of complaints each year demanding education in

Spanish in the Balearic Islands. The most recent one is from the Na Caragol de Artà school, where, in order not to take away hours of Catalan, he taught Spanish in the courtyard time as a form of punishment.

"There are many parents who want their children to receive Spanish but are afraid of reprisals," says Campos. He gives Cristina an example, to whom the sambenito of being an anti-Catalan and problematic stranger has been hung. She clarifies that they have never refused to let children learn Catalan - "the more languages they master the better" - but they claim their right to also be able to study part of the subjects in Spanish and the teachers help their children to understand the subject. As Spaniards, they understand that **the rights of two minors** to receive education in their mother tongue in Spain **are being violated**. And the Circle asks the Administration to act so that schools are not a city without law, govern who governs.