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A SECRETIVE religious sect, which bans children from using computers, reading fiction and other things it considers 'worldly', has been praised by Britain's chief inspector of schools.

The Exclusive Brethren, which also believes its members should not go to university because it is too 'worldly', adheres to a strict interpretation of biblical instruction at its 43 private schools where it teaches about 1,400 children.

It also bans its members from using television, radio, handphones, newspapers and going to places of entertainment.

Despite this, Mr David Bell, the chief inspector of schools in England, said of the sect's schools in his annual report:

'The quality of teaching, most of which is done by experienced practitioners, is generally good.'

The sect, an offshoot of the Evangelical Protestant Plymouth Brethren, cuts itself off from the outside world, which it regards as evil.

Members are not allowed to have friends from outside the group, may work only in Brethren-owned businesses and must follow a rigid code of behaviour known as the 'Elect Vessel.' - AFP.

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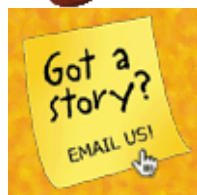
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