
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 949

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious
Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2018**

Made - - - - 29th August 2018

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(1), as applied in relation to independent schools by section 124B(1)(2) of that Act.

In making this Order the Secretary of State has followed the procedure specified in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003(3).

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2018 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order “the relevant religion or religious denomination” means the religion or religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets education is provided at the school or the school is conducted.

Designation of schools

3.—(1) The schools listed in column (1) of Schedule 1 are designated as schools having a religious character.

(2) The relevant religion or religious denomination in relation to a school listed in column (1) of Schedule 1 is specified in relation to that school in column (2).

(1) 1998 c. 31.

(2) Section 124B was inserted by the Independent Schools (Employment of Teachers in Schools with a Religious Character) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2037) and has been amended by the Alternative Provision Academies (Consequential Amendments to Acts) (England) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/976).

(3) S.I. 2003/2314, as amended by S.I. 2004/2262.

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Revocations

4. The instruments listed in column (1) of Schedule 2 (which have the references listed in column (2)) are revoked to the extent indicated in column (3).

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Education

29th August 2018

Lesley Jones
Deputy Director
Department for Education

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Schools having a religious character

<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>
<i>Name and Postcode of school</i>	<i>Relevant religion or religious denomination</i>
Bedford	
Great Barford Church of England Academy MK44 3JU	Church of England
Birmingham	
Eden Boys' Leadership Academy B6 6EL	Islam
Derbyshire	
Watchorn Christian School DE55 7AQ	Christian
Devon	
St James Church of England Primary and Church of England Nursery School EX20 1PA	
Ealing	
Ada Lovelace Church of England High School UB6 8PR	Church of England
Leicestershire	
Avanti Fields School LE3 0BT	Hindu
Manchester	
Etz Chaim Boys School M7 4LJ	Orthodox Jewish
Norfolk	
Great Yarmouth Charter Academy	Christian

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(1)	(2)
<i>Name and Postcode of school</i>	<i>Relevant religion or religious denomination</i>
NR30 4LS	

Northumberland

NCEA The Bishop's Primary School NE63 9FZ	Church of England
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Warwickshire

St Gabriel's CofE Academy CV23 1AN	Church of England
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Wiltshire

St Peter's CE Primary Academy SP2 9FL	Church of England
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SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Revocations

<i>(1) Instrument</i>	<i>(2) References</i>	<i>(3) Extent of revocation</i>
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2003	S.I. 2003/3108	In the Schedule, the entry in relation to Cricklade Manor Prep School (formerly Park Preparatory School), SN6 5BB
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003	S.I. 2003/3328	In the Schedule, the entry in relation to The King's School, RG21 8SR
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England)(No. 2) Order 2004	S.I. 2004/354	In the Schedule, the entry in relation to Friends School, CB11 3EB.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the independent schools listed in Schedule 1 as having a religious character and revokes the instruments listed in Schedule 2 to the extent set out in that Schedule. All the revocations relate to schools which have closed save the first one that relates to a school which will no longer be designated with a religious character.

Under section 124A of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, independent schools which are so designated are permitted to take account of certain religious or denominational considerations in making specified employment decisions which relate to teaching staff (such as decisions on appointment or promotion).

Designation by this Order is not of itself a means of acquiring a religious character or of changing religious character. Designation is the recognition of certain existing attributes of the school or its governing body as described in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003 ([S.I. 2003/2314](#), as amended by [S.I. 2004/2262](#)).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.