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EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2009

Made - - - - 3rd March 2009

The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(**a**), as applied in relation to independent schools by section 124B(1)(**b**) 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(**c**).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2009.

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 (or, as the case may be, each such religious denomination).

Designation of schools

3.—(1) The schools listed in column (1) of the Schedule 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 the Schedule is specified in relation to that school in column (2).

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3rd March 2009

(**a**) 1998 c. 31.
(**b**) Section 124B was inserted by the Independent Schools (Employment of Teachers in Schools with a Religious Character) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2037).
(**c**) S.I. 2003/2314, as amended by S.I. 2004/2262.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

Schools Having a Religious Character

(1) *Name and Postcode of School*	*(2)* *Relevant Religion or Religious Denomination*
City of Bristol	
Oasis Academy Brightstowe, BS11 0EB	Christian
Oasis Academy Bristol, BS14 9BU	Christian
Croydon	
Oasis Academy Coulsdon, CR5 1ES	Christian
Hertfordshire	
Worldshapers Academy, HP2 7JX	Christian
Lancashire	
Accrington Academy, BB5 4FF	Christian
Ar-Rahmah Academy, PR6 0PJ	Islam
Newham	
Stratford College London, E15 4BQ	Islam
North Lincolnshire	
The Saint Lawrence Academy, DN15 7DF	Church of England
Northumberland	
The Northumberland Church of England Academy, NE63 9RX	Church of England
Oxfordshire	
Oxford Academy, OX4 6JY	Church of England
Salford	
Aim Habonim, M7 2BT	Jewish
Oasis Academy MediaCity UK, M6 8GG	Christian
Southampton	
Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, SO16 9RG	Christian
Oasis Academy Mayfield, SO19 9LX	Christian
Southwark	
Bacon's College, SE16 6AT	Church of England
Staffordshire	
Yarlet School, ST18 9SU	Church of England
St Helen's	
Hope Academy, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 0AG	Church of England; Roman Catholic
Wiltshire	
Leehurst Swan, SP1 3BQ	Christian

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the independent schools named as having 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 considerations in making specified employment decisions which relate to teaching staff.

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 2004/2262).

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