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**The Designation of Schools having a Religious Character
(England) (No.3) Order 2003**

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24th October 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 69(3) and (4) and 138(7) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (a), and having followed the procedure specified in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) Regulations 1998(b) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills hereby makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools having a Religious Character (England) (No. 3) Order 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order “the relevant religious denomination” means the religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets religious education is, or may be, required to be provided at the school in accordance with Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Designation of the schools

3. The schools listed in the Schedule (all of which are voluntary schools or new schools that have temporary governing bodies and which will be such when established) are hereby designated as schools having a religious character.

4. The relevant religious denomination in relation to a school listed in column (1) of the Schedule is stated opposite thereto in column (3).

24th October 2003

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(a) 1998 c.31. By virtue of S.I. 1999/672 the powers conferred by these provisions are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.
(b) S.I. 1998/2535.

SCHEDULE

Regulations 3 and 4

Schools having a religious character

(1) Name and Postcode of School	(2) Category of School	(3) Relevant Religious Denomination
Barnsley		
Dodworth St John the Baptist CofE (VA) S75 3JS	voluntary aided	Church of England
Dorset		
Trinity CofE VA First School BH31 7PG	voluntary aided	Church of England
Beechcroft St Paul's CE VA Primary School DT4 0LQ	voluntary aided	Church of England
Gloucestershire		
Hope Brook CofE Primary School GL17 0LJ	voluntary controlled	Church of England
Lakefield CofE Primary School GL2 7HG	voluntary controlled	Church of England
Winchcombe Abbey CofE Primary School GL54 5QH	voluntary aided	Church of England
Nottingham, City Of		
Nottingham Emmanuel School NG11 7AD	voluntary aided	Church of England
Nottinghamshire		
The Queen Elizabeth's (1561) Endowed School NG19 7AP	voluntary aided	Church of England
Redcar and Cleveland		
St Mary's RC Primary School TS6 7AD	voluntary aided	Roman Catholic
Staffordshire		
Forsbrook CofE Controlled Primary School ST11 9PW	voluntary controlled	Church of England
Stoke-On-Trent		
Belgrave CofE Primary School ST3 4TP	voluntary controlled	Church of England
John Baskeyfield VC CofE Primary School ST6 4JG	voluntary controlled	Church of England
Bishop Stamer CofE Aided Primary School ST4 4EE	voluntary aided	Church of England
Priory CofE Primary School ST4 8EF	voluntary controlled	Church of England

(1) Name and Postcode of School	(2) Category of School	(3) Relevant Religious Denomination
Tower Hamlets		
Bishop Challoner Catholic Boys' School E1W 3HU	voluntary aided	Roman Catholic
Walsall		
Cooper and Jordan CofE Primary School WS9 8NH	voluntary aided	Church of England
Wiltshire		
Wyvern College SP1 1RE	voluntary aided	Church of England

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates further voluntary schools in England which have a religious character in accordance with section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (“the Act”).

Designation as a school which has a religious character is relevant for a number of purposes under the Act, notably:

- (a) as part of the mechanism for determining the form of religious education to be provided under Schedule 19 to the Act;
- (b) as part of the mechanism for determining the form of collective worship to be provided under Schedule 20 to the Act;
- (c) as part of the mechanism for determining school staffing matters under sections 58 to 60 of the Act;
- (d) for the purposes of the determination of admission arrangements under section 89 of the Act having regard to the code of practice issued under section 84;
- (e) for the purposes of the disposition of assets under paragraph of Schedule 3 to the Act, so that assets can be re-assigned for the benefit of schools of the same religion or religious denomination..

Designation by this Order is not of itself a means of acquiring a religious character or of changing religious character. Designation is the recognition certain attributes of the school or its governing body as described in the Religious Character of schools (Designation Procedure) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2535). Under the Act a school must first close if it is to acquire a religious character, if it does not, as a question of fact, have one already, or where it is to change its religious character.

Designation by this Order as a school with a religious character will not be accepted by the Secretary of State as conclusive evidence that an endowment has been held or used, wholly or partly, in connection with the provision at the school of religious education for the purposes of section 554(2) of the Education Act 1996. Section 554 enables appropriate authorities of any religious denomination or religion (but normally Church of England diocesan authorities) to make fresh provision for endowments held or used for the provision of religious education. This normally happens as a result of a school closing. In confirming eligibility for an order, the trust deeds and other supporting evidence would be considered.

A statement in the Order in relation to a school that the religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets religious education is, or may be, required to be provided at the school in accordance with schedule 19 to the Act, is Roman Catholic, does not determine whether or not the school is a Catholic school according to canon law.

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