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**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character  
(Independent Schools) (England) Order 2017**

*Made* - - - - *31st August 2017*

*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(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 and Commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2017 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).

**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).

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(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) and has been amended by the Alternative Provision Academies (Consequential Amendments to Acts) (England) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/976).

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

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Education

31st August 2017

*Peter Swift*  
Deputy Director  
Department for Education

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

### Schools having a religious character

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name and Postcode of school</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Relevant religion or religious denomination</i>
<b>Bath and North East Somerset</b>	
Abbot Alphege Academy BA1 9AU	Church of England
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	
Clearwater Church of England Primary Academy GL2 4GH	Church of England
<b>Kent</b>	
Bishop Chavasse School TN11 0QL	Church of England
<b>London Borough of Hounslow</b>	
The Green School for Boys TW7 6AU	Church of England
<b>Manchester</b>	
Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Manchester M8 8BJ	Islam
Eden Girls' Leadership Academy Manchester M8 0SP	Islam
<b>Southampton</b>	
Hope Community School, Southampton SO14 1NF	Christian
<b>Torbay</b>	
Ellacombe Church of England Academy TQ1 1TG	Church of England

## 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) (No.2) Order 2004	S.I. 2004/354	In the Schedule, the entry in relation to St Martha's Senior School, EN4 0NJ
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2004	S.I. 2004/577	In the Schedule, the entry in relation to Grindon Hall Christian School, SR4 8PG
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2005	S.I. 2005/1195	In the Schedule, the entries in relation to The Bolitho School, TR18 4JR and Lavant House, PO18 9AB
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No.3) Order 2012	S.I. 2012/3174	In Schedule 1, the entries in relation to Alpha Preparatory School, E17 3JJ, Oxford Christian School, OX3 8JT and Rann Horizon School, SW4 7JR.

#### 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 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.

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