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**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character
(Independent Schools) (England) Order 2014**

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14th April 2014

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

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2014.

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 instrument listed in column (1) of Schedule 2 with the reference specified in column (2) is revoked to the extent specified in column (3).

(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.

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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>
Salford	
Ahavas Torah Boys Academy, M7 4QX	Orthodox Jewish
Suffolk	
Focus School - Stoke by Nayland Campus, CO6 4RW	Plymouth Brethren Christian Church
Wirral	
Woodchurch High School, CH49 7NG	Church of England

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Revocations

<i>(1) Regulation revoked</i>	<i>(2) Reference</i>	<i>(3) Extent of revocation</i>
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 Focus School - Colchester Primary Campus, CO7 7JG and Focus School - Ipswich Campus, IP1 6AR

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 instrument listed in Schedule 2 to the extent set out in that Schedule. One revocation relates to a school which has closed and the other relates to a school which was previously designated but has changed its name and location.

Under section 124A of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, independent schools which are designated as having a religious character 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).

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