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**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character
(Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2014**

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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) (No.3) Order 2014.

Interpretation

2. In this Order “the relevant religion” means the religion 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 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 reference listed in column (2)) are revoked to the extent indicated 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.

Amendment

5. For “Canary Wharf College 2” in Schedule 1 of the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2014(a) substitute “Canary Wharf College 2, E14 3EB”.

22nd December 2014

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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</i>
Devon The Ilfracombe Church of England Academy, EX34 9JB	Church of England
Hammersmith & Fulham Fulham Boys School, W14 9LY	Christian
Lancashire Burnley High School, BB12 6TG	Christian
Merton Park Community School, SM4 5BY	Christian

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Revocations

<i>(1) Regulations revoked</i>	<i>(2) References</i>	<i>(3) Extent of revocation</i>
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 St Mary’s Convent School in Worcestershire
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2012	S.I. 2012/3174	In Schedule 1, the entry in relation to Focus School - Eastleigh Primary Campus in Hampshire
The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2014	S.I. 2014/2342	In Schedule 1, the entry in relation to The Fulham Boys’ School in Hammersmith & Fulham

(a) S.I. 2014/2342.

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. The first two revocations relate to schools which have closed and the third revocation relates to a school that was erroneously designated as having a religious character in the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools)(England)(No.2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2342). This Order also amends an entry in that Order relating to another school.

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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