



## **Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction**

**Name:** Sophie Rahman

**Former position:** Headteacher and proprietor, Eton Community School, Ilford.

**Prescribed grounds on which the direction has been issued:**

**Under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the “appropriate authority” (in this case the Secretary of State) may give a direction prohibiting a person from taking part in the management of an independent school on prescribed grounds connected with the person’s suitability. The grounds on which a person may be prohibited are prescribed in the Independent Education Provision in England (Prohibition from Participation in Management) Regulations 2014.**

**A direction was given in respect of Sophie Rahman on 6 February 2019. The Secretary of State found that Sophie Rahman had:**

- engaged in conduct which has been found to be in breach of professional standards by a professional body

**and that because of this she was unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school (including an academy or Free School). The barring decision also has the effect of disqualifying the person from being a governor at a maintained school.**

### **Summary**

**In June 2018, a Teaching Regulation Agency professional conduct panel found Ms Rahman guilty of unacceptable professional conduct and conduct that may bring the teaching profession into disrepute. This conduct included allowing Khuram Butt, one of the London Bridge terrorists, to teach children unsupervised at Eton Community School. The panel found that she failed to safeguard pupils and deliberately misled the police and local authority when they made enquiries into**

**Khuram Butt's involvement at the school. In the opinion of the Secretary of State, the findings of the professional conduct panel make Ms Rahman unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.**

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