



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Zahid Begg

Former position: Safeguarding governor of Olive Tree School, Lewisham; trustee of the School's proprietor body, Lewisham Islamic Centre

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 Zahid Begg on 22 July 2019. The Secretary of State found that Mr Begg had:

- been convicted of a relevant offence.
- and that because of this he is unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school (including an academy or Free School). The direction also has the effect of disqualifying Mr Begg from being a governor at a maintained school.

Summary

Mr Begg has been convicted of relevant offences namely assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to Section 47 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, and possession of an offensive weapon contrary to Section 78 of the Serious Crime Act 2015, in 2016; in the opinion of the Secretary of State those offences are relevant to Mr Begg's suitability to take part in management of an independent school.

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