



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Maryam Bernhardt

Former Position: Headteacher, Al-Istiqamah Learning Centre, Ealing

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 Maryam Bernhardt on 31 January 2020. The Secretary of State found that Ms Bernhardt had:

- been convicted of a relevant offence

and that because of this she 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 the person from being a governor at a maintained school.

Summary

Ms Bernhardt has been convicted of a relevant offence namely: conducting an unregistered independent school, contrary to section 96(2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008; in the opinion of the Secretary of State that offence is a relevant offence and makes Ms Bernhardt unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.

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