



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Liam Nolan

Former position: Executive Headteacher, Perry Beeches The Academy Trust, Birmingham

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 Liam Nolan on 27 July 2020. The Secretary of State found that Liam Nolan had:

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

and that because of that conduct he 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 October 2018, a Teaching Regulation Agency professional conduct panel found Mr Nolan guilty of unacceptable professional conduct and conduct that may bring the profession into disrepute. Mr Nolan’s conduct which included breaches of the Academies Financial Handbook falls short of the standards required by those who take part in the management of independent schools. © Crown copyright 2019