



## Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

**Name:** Nardeep Sharma

**Former Position:** CEO, Thrive Partnership Academy

**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 Nardeep Sharma on 9 September 2020. The Secretary of State found that Mr Sharma had engaged in:

- Conduct that is so inappropriate that, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, it makes a person unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school;

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 the person from being a governor at a maintained school.

### Summary

In his role as the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sharma has allowed and / or permitted breaches of the Academies Financial Handbook and has engaged in conduct that breaches the Seven principles of public life (Nolan principles), in particular the requirement of public office-holders to act with integrity and honesty. In the opinion of the Secretary of State this makes Mr Sharma unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.