



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Sajid Hussain Raza

Former position: Principal and Accounting Officer at Kings Science 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 Sajid Hussain Raza on 3 February 2021. The Secretary of State found that Mr Raza had:

- **been convicted of a relevant offence**

and that because of that conviction 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

Mr Raza has been convicted of relevant offences namely:

- a. Fraud by abuse of position (4 counts);**
- b. False accounting (3 counts);**
- c. Obtaining money transfer by deception (2 counts).**

Through committing these offences, Mr Raza:

- a. demonstrated conduct unbefitting of a Principal and Accounting Officer at an academy;**
- b. did not uphold the seven principles of public life, in particular, he failed to demonstrate integrity, honesty, and openness.**

In the opinion of the Secretary of State, these are relevant offences and make Mr Raza unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.

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