



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Mr Timothy Peter Cook

Former Position: Member and chair of trustees at the Health Family (North West) multi academy trust.

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 Mr Timothy Peter Cook on 08 September 2020. The Secretary of State found that Mr Cook 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 Cook has been convicted of relevant offences namely:

- a) Possessing indecent photograph/pseudo-photograph of a child;
- b) Making indecent photograph/pseudo-photograph of a child;
- c) Possessing a prohibited image of a child.

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