



Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Harpreet Singh

Former position: Head of Maths, Sandye Place Academy, Sandy

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 Harpreet Singh on 28 August 2020. The Secretary of State found that Mr Singh had:

- engaged in conduct that had been found to be in breach of professional standards by a professional body; 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 Mr Singh from being a governor at a maintained school.

Summary

In August 2018, a Teaching Regulation Agency professional conduct panel found Mr Singh guilty of unacceptable professional conduct and conduct that may bring the teaching profession into disrepute. This conduct included making racist and offensive comments of an antisemitic nature in a number of Facebook posts, demonstrating a lack of tolerance for the rights and/or beliefs of others. In the opinion of the Secretary of State, the findings of the professional conduct panel make Mr Singh unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.

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