



## Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

**Name:** Zafar Iqbal Khan

**Former position:** Chair of the proprietor body of Rabia Girls' and Boys' School

### **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 Zafar Iqbal Khan on 4 December 2024. The Secretary of State found that Zafar Iqbal Khan had:**

- engaged in relevant conduct

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

Mr Khan failed to follow a direction given by the Secretary of State and failed in his role to ensure that an independent school was managed in compliance with the Independent School Standards. In the opinion of the Secretary of State that conduct is relevant conduct and makes Mr Khan unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.