



Department
for Education

Regulation of school managers and governors: prohibition direction

Name: Olakunle May Emiola Oluwadare (also known as May Dare)

Former position: Chief Financial Officer, Big Creative 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 Olakunle May Emiola Oluwadare on 1 July 2026. The Secretary of State found that Olakunle May Emiola Oluwadare had:

- been convicted of relevant offences;

and that because of those convictions, he is 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 Oluwadare has been convicted of relevant offences namely:

- Fraud by abuse of position
- Conceal/disguise/convert/transfer/remove criminal property
- Dishonestly make false representation to make gain for self/another or cause loss to other/expose other to risk

In the opinion of the Secretary of State, these relevant convictions make Mr Oluwadare unsuitable to take part in the management of an independent school.

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