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**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

**Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character  
(Independent Schools) (England) Order 2003**

*Made* - - - - - *27th November 2003*

*Coming into force* - - - *1st December 2003*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 69(3) and 124B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(a), and having followed the procedure specified in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003(b) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 1st December 2003.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “the relevant religion or religious denomination” means the religion or religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets education is provided at the school, or the school is conducted (or, as the case may be, each such religion or religious denomination).

**Designation of schools**

3. The schools listed in column (1) of the Schedule are hereby designated as schools having a religious character.

4. The relevant religion or religious denomination in relation to a school listed in column (1) of the Schedule is stated opposite thereto in column (2).

27th November 2003

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(a) 1998 c.31; section 124B was inserted by the Independent Schools (Employment of Teachers in Schools with a Religious Character) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2037).  
(b) S.I. 2003/2314

## SCHEDULE

Articles 3 and 4

### Schools Having a Religious Character

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name and Postcode of School</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Relevant Religion or Religious Denomination</i>
<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset</b>	
Prior Park College BA2 5AH	Roman Catholic
<b>Birmingham</b>	
St Georges School, Edgbaston B15 1RX	Christian
<b>Blackburn</b>	
Markazul Uloom BB2 3NY	Islam
<b>Bolton</b>	
Madrasatul Imam Muhammad Zakariya BL1 8LX	Islam
<b>Bournemouth</b>	
St Martin's School BH3 7NA	Church of England
Talbot Heath School BH4 9NJ	Church of England
<b>Bromley</b>	
Farringtons & Stratford House BR7 0LR	Methodist
<b>Bury</b>	
Darul Uloom Al Arabita Al Islamiya BL8 4NG	Islam
The Potters House School BL9 5HD	Evangelical Christian
<b>Cheshire</b>	
The King's School, Chester CH4 7QL	Church of England
<b>Cornwall</b>	
Truro School TR1 1TH	Methodist
<b>Croydon</b>	
New Life Christian School CR0 1XP	Christian
<b>Cumbria</b>	
Austin Friars St Monica's CA3 9PB	Roman Catholic
<b>Derbyshire</b>	
Gateway Christian School DE7 4PP	Christian
<b>Devon</b>	
Edgehill College EX39 3LY	Methodist
Shebbear College EX21 5HJ	Methodist
<b>Dorset</b>	
Castle Court School BH21 3RF	Christian
<b>Durham</b>	
Barnard Castle School DL12 8UN	Christian
<b>Ealing</b>	
St Benedict's School W5 2ES	Roman Catholic
<b>Hampshire</b>	
Farnborough Hill GU14 8AT	Roman Catholic
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	
Queenswood School AL9 6NS	Methodist
St Columba's College AL3 4AW	Roman Catholic
<b>Kent</b>	
Kent College, Pembury TN2 4AX	Methodist
Kent College, Canterbury CT2 9DT	Methodist

St Angela's School CT8 8LX	Roman Catholic
<b>Lancashire</b>	
St Joseph's Convent School BB12 6TG	Roman Catholic
Imam Muhammad Zakariya School PR1 3TN	Islam
Emmanuel Christian School FY3 0BE	Christian
<b>Leeds</b>	
Woodhouse Grove School BD10 0NR	Methodist
<b>Leicestershire</b>	
Al Aqsa Primary School LE67 9SY	Islam
Our Lady's Convent School LE11 2DT	Roman Catholic
<b>Norfolk</b>	
Notre Dame Preparatory School NR2 3TA	Roman Catholic
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	
St Peter's Independent School NN3 8TA	Christian
Wellingborough School NN8 2BX	Church of England
Northampton Christian School NN3 2HT	Evangelical Christian
<b>North Yorkshire</b>	
Queen Margaret's School YO19 6EU	Anglican
St Martin's, Ampleforth YO62 4HP	Roman Catholic
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	
Kingham Hill School OX7 6TH	Protestant, Evangelical Christian
Our Lady's Convent School OX14 2HB	Roman Catholic
<b>Reading</b>	
Leighton Park School RG2 7ED	Quaker
<b>Redbridge</b>	
St Joseph's Convent School E11 2PR	Roman Catholic
<b>Richmond Upon Thames</b>	
St Paul's School SW13 9JT	Church of England
<b>Rochdale</b>	
Emmanuel Christian School OL12 6LG	Christian
<b>Sheffield</b>	
Birkdale School S10 3DH	Christian
<b>Somerset</b>	
Downside School BA3 4RH	Roman Catholic
Queens College, Taunton TA1 4QS	Methodist
The Park School BA20 1OH	Christian
<b>Stockport</b>	
Covenant Christian School SK4 4NX	Christian, Evangelical
<b>Stoke on Trent</b>	
St Joseph's Preparatory School ST4 5RF	Roman Catholic
<b>Suffolk</b>	
Culford School IP28 6TX	Methodist
<b>Surrey</b>	
Barrow Hills School GU8 5NY	Roman Catholic
St George's College Junior School KT13 8NL	Roman Catholic
St George's College KT15 2QS	Roman Catholic
<b>Waltham Forest</b>	

Forest School E17 3PY	Church of England
Noor Ul Islam Primary School E10 6QW	Islam
<b>West Sussex</b>	
The Prebendal School PO19 1RT	Christian, Church of England
<b>Wiltshire</b>	
Dauntsey's School SN10 4HE	Christian
Prior Park Preparatory School SN6 5BB	Roman Catholic
<b>Windsor and Maidenhead</b>	
St Mary's Ascot SL5 9JF	Roman Catholic
<b>Wirral</b>	
Kingsmead School CH47 0LL	Christian
<b>Worcestershire</b>	
The Alice Ottley School WR1 1HW	Church of England
The King's School WR1 2LL	Church of England

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order designates the independent schools named herein as having a religious character.

Under section 124A of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, independent schools which are so designated are permitted to take account of certain religious considerations in making specified employment decisions which relate to teaching staff.

Designation by this Order is not of itself a means of acquiring a religious character or of changing religious character. Designation is the recognition of certain existing attributes of the school or its governing body as described in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003.

A statement in the Order in relation to a school that the religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets education is provided at the school, or the school is conducted, is Roman Catholic, does not determine whether or not the school is a Catholic school according to canon law.

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