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.