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**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character
(Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2009**

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9th December 2009

The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(a), as applied in relation to independent schools by section 124B(1)(b) of that Act.

In making this Order the Secretary of State has followed the procedure specified in the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003(c).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 3) Order 2009.

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 religious denomination).

Designation of schools

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

(2) The relevant religion or religious denomination in relation to a school listed in column (1) of the Schedule is specified in relation to that school in column (2).

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(a) 1998 c. 31.

(b) Section 124B was inserted by the Independent Schools (Employment of Teachers in Schools with a Religious Character) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2037).

(c) S.I. 2003/2314, as amended by S.I. 2004/2262.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

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>
Birmingham	
St Alban's Academy, B12 0UU	Church of England
Central Bedfordshire	
All Saints Academy, LU5 5AB	Church of England
Cheshire West and Chester	
University of Chester Church of England Academy Ellesmere Port, CH66 3NG	Church of England
Croydon	
Oasis Academy Shirley Park, CR9 7AL	Christian
Enfield	
Oasis Academy Hadley, EN3 5PA	Christian
Gloucestershire	
All Saints Academy Cheltenham, GL51 0ED	Church of England; Roman Catholic
Northamptonshire	
Kettering Buccleuch Academy, NN16 9NS	Christian
North East Lincolnshire	
Oasis Academy Wintringham, DN32 0AZ	Christian
Oasis Academy Immingham, DN40 1JU	Christian
Portsmouth	
Charter Academy, PO5 4HL	Church of England

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order designates the independent schools named in the Order 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 (S.I. 2003/2314, as amended by S.I. 2004/2262).

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