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**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character  
(Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2017**

*Made* - - - - *12th October 2017*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

The Secretary of State for Education 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 and Commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2017 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “the relevant religious denomination” means the religious denomination in accordance with whose tenets education is provided at the school or the school is conducted.

**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 religious denomination in relation to a school listed in column (1) of Schedule 1 is specified in relation to that school in column (2).

12th October 2017

*Peter Swift*  
Deputy Director  
Department for Education

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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) and has been amended by the Alternative Provision Academies (Consequential Amendments to Acts) (England) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/976).  
(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, address and postcode of school</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Relevant religious denomination</i>
Bluecoat Primary Academy Harvey Road Nottingham NG8 3BB	Church of England
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy Sutton Passeys Crescent Nottingham NG8 1EA	Church of England

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order designates the independent schools listed in the Schedule as having a religious character to the extent set out in that Schedule.

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 or denominational considerations in making specified employment decisions which relate to teaching staff (such as decisions on appointment or promotion).

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).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on businesses and civil society organisations. The instrument has no impact on the public sector.

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