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**The Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character
(Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2016**

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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(1), as applied in relation to independent schools by section 124B(1)(2) 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(3).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Designation of Schools Having a Religious Character (Independent Schools) (England) (No. 2) Order 2016 and comes into force the day after the day on which it is made.

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.

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).

(1) [1998 c. 31](#).

(2) 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](#)).

(3) [S.I. 2003/2314](#), as amended by [S.I. 2004/2262](#).

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SCHEDULE

Article 3

Schools having a religious character

<i>(1) Name and postcode of school</i>	<i>(2) Relevant religion or religious denomination</i>
Birmingham	
Olive Primary School, Birmingham, B11 4DY	Islam
Bolton	
Olive School, Bolton, BL1 8HT	Islam
Gloucestershire	
Cheltenham College, GL53 7LD	Church of England
Hertfordshire	
Yavneh Primary School, WD6 1HL	Jewish
Lancashire	
Olive School, Preston, PR1 4BX	Islam
London Borough of Harrow	
Saint Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School, HA1 2QB	Church of England
London Borough of Redbridge	
Atam Academy, RM6 4XT	Sikh
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	
Canary Wharf College 3, E14 3BA	Christian
Swindon	
Tadpole Farm Church of England Primary Academy, SN25 2QS	Church of England
Wiltshire	
Ridgeway Farm Church of England Academy, SN5 4GT	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. 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

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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](#)).