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Ref no: 382/6013

Date: 10 March 2022

Dear Sir

**Institute of Islamic Education
South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, WF12 9NG**

I refer to the inspection carried out by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills ('HMCI') on 24-25 November 2021 at the above school ('the school') under s.109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 ('the Act').

You will see from the enclosed report (Annex 2), which has been published, that the inspection found a number of serious regulatory failings relating to the independent school standards ('ISS')¹.

In the circumstances, the Secretary of State is satisfied that failings to meet the ISS, are sufficiently serious to warrant enforcement action and that it is appropriate to remove the school from the register of independent educational institutions in England.

Decision to deregister the school

Taking account of the report relating to the 24-25 November 2021 inspection carried out by HMCI, the Secretary of State is satisfied, for the purposes of section 115(1) of the Act, that a number of the ISS are not being met in relation to the school. Given the fact that the Secretary of State, by a notice dated 24 September 2020, required the production of an action plan (which was rejected on 23 February 2021), and that the Secretary of State has not at any time, since the requirement was imposed, been satisfied that the school is meeting all of the ISS, one of the conditions referred to in

¹ Statutory Instrument 2014/3283

section 115(3) of the Act is met for the purpose of taking enforcement action in relation to the proprietor of the school (specifically, the condition contained in section 115(4) of the Act is satisfied). Therefore, the Secretary of State is authorised to take the enforcement action specified under section 116 of the Act in relation to the proprietor of the school.

Having the power to take enforcement action under s.116 of the Act, and having considered whether any, and what sort of, enforcement action under section 116 of the Act is appropriate, the Secretary of State has decided to remove the school from the register of independent schools.

If you do not appeal against this decision, the school will be removed from the register once the period of 28 days has expired. The 28-day period will begin with the date on which the attached notice is served on the proprietor. Our working assumption is that the notice will be served on the proprietor after the end of two working days following the date of this letter. On this assumption, the school will be deregistered after 12 April 2022 in the event that no appeal is made by the proprietor to the First-Tier Tribunal within the 28-day period. The annex to the attached notice sets out the regulatory failings which have led to the decision to impose this relevant restriction.

The proprietor also has the right under section 124(1)(d) of the Act to appeal against the decision to deregister the school to the First-Tier Tribunal. Any appeal must be made, in writing, within 28 days of the date on which the attached notice is served on the proprietor. If an appeal is made by the proprietor within the required time limit, then the deregistration will not take effect until such time as the appeal is determined, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of. The relevant contact details are: HM Courts and Tribunal Service, 1st Floor, Darlington Magistrate's Court, Parkgate, Darlington DL1 1RU. Telephone 01325 289350.

It is an offence (under section 96(2) of the Act), for a proprietor to conduct an independent school which is unregistered, with penalties of up to six months imprisonment and/or a substantial fine. Therefore, where the school is removed from the register, you must take appropriate action to ensure that this offence is not committed.

Yours faithfully



Sue Whitehouse
Deputy Director
Independent Education and School Safeguarding Division

SECTION 116(1)(b) AND (2) OF THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS ACT 2008¹

(‘the Act’)

NOTICE OF THE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL FROM THE REGISTER OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

TO THE PROPRIETOR

**Institute of Islamic Education
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WHEREAS

The Secretary of State for Education, being the regulator of independent schools in England,

(i) having been satisfied (taking into account a report of an inspection by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills (‘HMCI’) carried out between 24-25 November 2021 that a number of the independent school standards (as prescribed in the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014²) were not being met in relation to the school, served a notice (pursuant to section 114 of the Act) dated 24 September 2020 on the school’s proprietor (‘the proprietor’) requiring the submission of an action plan³ on or before 26 October 2020;

(ii) received an action plan on 26 October 2020 from the proprietor;

(iii) decided to reject the said action plan under section 114(6)(b) of the Act, and informed the proprietor of that decision by a letter dated 23 February 2021;

(iv) having considered the report into the inspection of 24-25 November 2021 was satisfied that a number of independent school standards were not being met in relation to the school, and with the condition in section 115(4) of the Act being met (specifically that the proprietor has been required to submit an action plan under section 114 of the Act within the 3 years period mentioned in section 115(4)(a)(i) of the Act, that an action plan was submitted as a consequence, and that action plan was rejected by the Secretary of State).

NOW THEREFORE –

Notice is hereby given to the proprietor, for the purposes of section 116(2) of the Act that the Secretary of State has decided under section 116(1) of the Act to remove the school

¹ c.25.

² SI 2014/3283.

³ An action plan for the purposes of section 114 of the Act is a plan which specifies the steps that will be taken to meet a standard or standards, and the time by which each step will be taken (section 114(4)).

from the register of independent educational institutions in England kept by the Secretary of State under section 95 of that Act.

By virtue of section 116(3) of the Act, the decision in question does not take effect during the period in which (a) an appeal to the First-Tier Tribunal may be brought against it under section 124⁴ of the Act or (b) where such an appeal is brought, the appeal has not been determined, withdrawn or disposed of.

Signed  Date: 10 March 2022

Sue Whitehouse
Deputy Director
Independent Education and School Safeguarding Division

⁴ Any appeal under the section 124 must be brought within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which notice of the decision is served on the proprietor (section 124(2) of the Act).

ANNEX 1:

TO NOTICE OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE THE SCHOOL FROM THE REGISTER OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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PART 3: Welfare, health and safety of pupils

6. The standards about the welfare, health and safety of pupils at the school are those contained in this Part.

7. The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that—

(a) arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and

(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

8. Where section 87(1) of the 1989 Act⁵ applies in relation to a school the standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that—

(a) arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of boarders while they are accommodated at the school; and

(b) such arrangements have regard to the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools or, where applicable, the National Minimum Standards for Residential Special Schools or the National Minimum Standards for Accommodation of Students under Eighteen by Further Education Colleges.

16. The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that—

(a) the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written risk assessment policy; and

(b) appropriate action is taken to reduce risks that are identified.

PART 8: Quality of leadership in and management of schools

34. (1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school—

(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;

⁵ Section 87(1) was amended by section 105 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c.41) and section 1A was inserted by section 43 of the 2011 Act.

(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently; and

(c) actively promote the well-being of pupils.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c) “well-being” means well-being within the meaning of section 10(2) of the Children Act 2004⁶.

⁶ 2004 c.31.

ANNEX 2

TO NOTICE

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The proprietor is not ensuring that the arrangements to be made for the purposes of paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 have regard to the following requirements from the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools:

Standard 3 – Boarder’s health and wellbeing

All medication is safely and securely stored and proper records are kept of its administration. Prescribed medicines are given only to the boarders to whom they are prescribed. Boarders allowed to self-medicate are assessed as sufficiently responsible to do so

(NMS 3.4)

Standard 11 – Child protection

The school ensures that:

- arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and
- such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State¹.

(NMS 11.1)

Standard 13 – Management and development of boarding

The school’s governing body and/or proprietor monitors the effectiveness of the leadership, management and delivery of the boarding and welfare provision in the school and takes appropriate action where necessary.

(NMS 13.1)

The school’s leadership and management demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role

(NMS 13.3)

The school’s leadership and management consistently fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the standards are met.

(NMS 13.4)

The school’s leadership and management and governance actively promote the wellbeing of pupils

(NMS 13.5)

Standard 18 – Complaints

The school has, and follows, an appropriate policy on recording and responding to complaints that is compliant with the relevant regulatory standards.

(NMS18.1)

The school's written record of complaints identifies those complaints relating to boarding provision, and action taken by the school as a result of those complaints (regardless of whether they are upheld).

(NMS 18.2)

ⁱ [Keeping children safe in education](#) and [Working together to safeguard children](#)