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Date: 14 July 2016

Dear Proprietor

Darul Uloom Islamic High School, Coventry Road, Birmingham

I refer to the inspection by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills that was carried out at the above school ("the School") under section 109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 on 12 May 2016. You will see from the enclosed report that the inspection found many serious regulatory failings.

This inspection followed a previous one held on 13-15 October 2015 which was followed by a statutory notice requiring an action plan, served on 26 November 2015. The action plan submitted in response to that notice was subsequently approved by the Secretary of State on 11 March 2016.

The department's letter of 11 March 2016 approving the action plan stated that:

"I should once more remind you that the consequences of any continued failure to meet the standards are very serious. If the school is not, at the time of the next inspection, meeting the standards it is highly likely that an immediate move may be made to delete the school from the Register of Independent Schools."

Despite this, the report of the 12 May inspection shows that there are still numerous and serious failures to meet the independent schools standards in relation to the school. In the circumstances, the Secretary of State has decided that it is appropriate to remove the school from the register of independent educational institutions in England. The Secretary of State considers that it is in the best interests of the children attending the school that they are educated elsewhere. Children of compulsory school age attending the school, and any children of compulsory school age offered places at the school for the autumn term 2016 are entitled to places at state-

funded schools, and the local authorities in which they reside are responsible for this. Alternatively their parents may opt to send them to other independent schools.

Decision to deregister the school

Taking account of the Ofsted report relating to the 12 May 2016 inspection, the Secretary of State is satisfied, pursuant to section 115(1) of the Education & Skills Act 2008 ("the Act"), that a number of the independent school standards are not being met in relation to the school. In addition, having taken into account the Ofsted report, it appears that the action plan which was approved on 11th March 2016 has not been complied with, and therefore, the condition in s.115(4)(b)(iii) of the Act for enforcement action to be taken is met.

Having the power, therefore, to take enforcement action under section 116 of the Act, and having considered what is the appropriate course of action to take, the Secretary of State has decided to remove the school from the register of independent schools. Given section s.116(3), of the Act, if you do not appeal against this decision, the school will be removed from the register once the period of 28 days has expired beginning with the date on which the attached notice is served on you. Our normal assumption is to treat the notice as having been served on you after the end of two working days following the date of this letter. The annex to the notice sets out the regulatory failings which have led to this decision and I have also enclosed a copy of the Ofsted report of the inspection on 12 May 2016.

As the proprietor of the school, you have the right under section 124(1)(d) of the Act to appeal against the decision, to the First-tier Tribunal, HM Courts and Tribunal Service, 1st Floor, Darlington Magistrates' Court, Parkgate, Darlington, DL1 1RU. Telephone number: 01325 289350. Any appeal must be made, in writing, within 28 days of the date on which the attached notice is served on you, which on the assumption specified above is 28 days from 18 July 2016, that is to say, by 15 August 2016.

Should you choose not to appeal against the order, the school must close once it is removed from the register. It is an offence to conduct an independent school which is unregistered, with penalties of up to six months imprisonment and/or a substantial fine.

A copy of this letter and the documents attached to it are being sent to the school's email address.

Yours faithfully



PETER SWIFT
HEAD, INDEPENDENT EDUCATION DIVISION

SECTION 116(1)(b) 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
Darul Uloom Islamic High School
521-527 Coventry Road
Birmingham B10 0LL
("the school")

WHEREAS

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

- (i) being satisfied as required by section 115(1) of the Act, taking into account the report of the Chief Inspector² under section 109 of the Act on the inspection of the school on 13-15 October 2015, that the independent school standards ("the standards"), as prescribed in the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 were not met in relation to the school to the extent specified in that report;
- (ii) on 26 November 2015 served, pursuant to section 114 of the Act, a notice on the school's proprietor ("the proprietor"), identifying the standards which were not met in relation to the school and requiring the proprietor to submit an action plan³ pursuant to section 114(3) of the Act to the Secretary of State on or before 14 January 2016;
- (iii) received an action plan from the proprietor on 14 January 2016;
- (iv) approved this action plan and informed the proprietor of this by letter dated 11 March 2016 pursuant to section 114(6)(a) of the Act, with the said letter stating as follows:

"If the school is not, at the time of the next inspection, meeting the standards it is highly likely that an immediate move may be made to delete the school from the Register of Independent Schools."

¹ c.25.

² Section 138 of the Education Act 2002 defines "Chief Inspector" in relation to England as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills.

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)).

- (v) received a further report in respect of the school, following an inspection by the Chief Inspector of the school on 12 May 2016, stating that the school was still failing to meet many of the standards;
- (vi) having considered that further report, is satisfied that the standards specified in the annex to this notice are not being met in relation to the school, and with the condition in section 115(4)(b)(iii) of the Act being met (namely that the approved action plan referred to above has not been complied with), has decided to remove the school from the register of independent educational institutions in England kept by the Secretary of State under section 95 of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE -

Notice is hereby given to you, the proprietor, for the purposes of section 116(2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, that the Secretary of State has decided under section 116(1) of that Act to remove the school 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 Education and Skills Act 2008, the decision in question does not take effect during the period in which (a) an appeal may be brought against it under section 124 of the Act or (b) where such an appeal is brought, the appeal has not been determined, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.⁴

Signed.....

Date.....14 July 2016

Dr Peter Swift
Deputy Director, Independent Education 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 TO NOTICE OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE THE SCHOOL
FROM THE REGISTER OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Darul Uloom Islamic High School
521-527 Coventry Road
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(**"the school"**)
(330/6078)

The following independent school standards, as prescribed in the Schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, are not being met in relation to the school:

PART 1: Quality of education provided

1. The standards about the quality of education provided at the school are those contained in this Part.

2.(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if—

(a) the proprietor ensures that a written policy on the curriculum, supported by appropriate plans and schemes of work, which provides for the matters specified in sub-paragraph (2) is drawn up and implemented effectively; and

(b) the written policy, plans and schemes of work—

(i) take into account the ages, aptitudes and needs of all pupils, including those pupils with an EHC plan; and

(ii) do not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(1)(a), the matters are—

(a) full-time supervised education for pupils of compulsory school age (construed in accordance with section 8 of the Education Act 1996), which gives pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education;

(b) that pupils acquire speaking, listening, literacy and numeracy skills;

(e) for pupils receiving secondary education, access to accurate, up-to-date careers guidance that—

(i) is presented in an impartial manner;

(ii) enables them to make informed choices about a broad range of career options; and

(iii) helps to encourage them to fulfil their potential;

(h) that all pupils have the opportunity to learn and make progress; and

(i) effective preparation of pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life in British society.

3. The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that the teaching at the school—

(a) enables pupils to acquire new knowledge and make good progress according to their ability so that they increase their understanding and develop their skills in the subjects taught;

(b) fosters in pupils self-motivation, the application of intellectual, physical and creative effort, interest in their work and the ability to think and learn for themselves;

(c) involves well planned lessons and effective teaching methods, activities and management of class time;

(d) shows a good understanding of the aptitudes, needs and prior attainments of the pupils, and ensures that these are taken into account in the planning of lessons;

(e) demonstrates good knowledge and understanding of the subject matter being taught;

(f) utilises effectively classroom resources of a good quality, quantity and range;

(g) demonstrates that a framework is in place to assess pupils' work regularly and thoroughly and use information from that assessment to plan teaching so that pupils can progress;

(i) does not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

PART 2: Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

5. The standard about the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at the school is met if the proprietor—

(a) actively promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;

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.

15. The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that an admission and attendance register is maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006⁵.

PART 6: Provision of information

32. (1) The standard about the provision of information by the school is met if the proprietor ensures that—

(g) any information reasonably requested in connection with an inspection under section 109 of the 2008 Act which is required for the purposes of the inspection is provided to the body conducting the inspection and that body is given access to the school's admission and attendance registers;

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;

(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.

⁵ S.I. 2006/1751, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

⁶ 2004 c.31.

