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When a School is Coasting – New Regulations Published

'Coasting' as a term was introduced to suggest that schools with favoured intakes (particularly, in some quarters, grammar schools) might not be doing as well as their raw results suggested. The term was embodied in the Education and Adoption Act 2016 which laid on the Secretary of State the duty to 'by regulations define what "coasting" means in relation to a school.' Now the draft Regulations for Coasting Schools 2016 have been published and are expected to come into force early in 2017.

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School Uniform Policies and Sex Discrimination

The purpose of school uniform is, amongst other things, to encourage equality and cohesion within the school community. School uniform and the policy that underpins it can help with the inclusion of pupils from a range of different backgrounds, and help protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular

way. However, schools can come into difficulty when their policies are prescriptive and do not allow for any flexibility.

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Public Sector Exit Payment Regulations 2016

The Draft Public Sector Exit Payment Regulations 2016 which we alerted clients to last month have now been published and are expected to come into force early in 2017. The list of prescribed public sector authorities to which the Regulations apply that has been prepared by the Office of National Statistics includes Academy Trusts.

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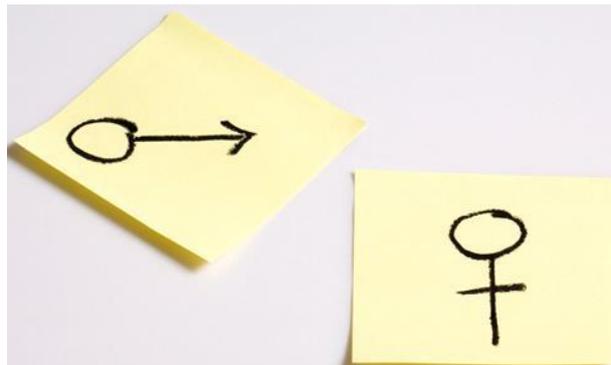
Faith Based Admission Arrangements Get More Complicated

Recent adjudications have raised once again the difficult questions relating to the determination and application of faith based admission arrangements: in particular, how schools decide whether someone is or is not of the faith. These particular adjudications are likely to be the subject of court action but it is important that faith schools are aware of the grounds on which these adjudications have been made even though the circumstances of these cases are confined to one faith.

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Is Segregation By Gender Discriminatory?

The recent High Court decision in a case involving Ofsted and 'School X' received much media attention because it involved gender segregation at the school for religious reasons. The school had applied for the quashing of the Ofsted report in question. The judgement is being appealed by both parties but for the moment where does it leave us?



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It's Christmas Again! Should We Cancel?

Every year some newspaper has a story about a school that has cancelled some aspect of Christmas festivities; usually followed by a press release from the Health and Safety Executive to

say it wasn't their fault. So what jollity before Christmas leads to legally-induced depression in the New Year?

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