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Press release

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The Charity Commission has appointed an interim manager to the educational charity, Rabia Educational Trust, which operates the Rabia Girls and Boys School in Luton.

The Commission opened a [second statutory inquiry](#) into the charity in October 2020 to examine concerns about its administration and governance, including the trustees' persistent failure to meet the Independent Schools Standards.

The Rabia Girls and Boys School is currently subject to regulatory action by the Department for Education, including the potential removal of the school from the Register of Independent Schools.

The Commission also continues to have serious concerns about the charity's administration and governance. It therefore exercised its powers under the Charities Act 2011 to appoint an interim manager, Emma Moody of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, to the charity on 29 January 2021.

The interim manager will assess the future viability of the charity to the exclusion of its trustees. The trustees of the charity continue to have all the powers and duties of trustees, with the exception of this specific function. Depending on the outcome of this initial assessment, the interim manager's role may vary, for example, to improve the charity's operation or to take steps to wind up the charity.

The Commission's inquiry continues.

Ends.

Notes to editors:

1. [View the charity's entry on the register of charities.](#)

2. The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its purpose is to ensure charity can thrive and inspire trust so that people can improve lives and strengthen society.
3. The regulatory action imposed by the Department for Education is subject to an ongoing appeal by the charity.
4. Section 76(3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission power to appoint interim managers to a charity. Interim managers are appointed as a temporary and protective measure where the Commission has identified misconduct and/or mismanagement in the administration of a charity, or where it is necessary or desirable to protect a charity's property.
5. This appointment is a temporary and protective power that will be reviewed at regular intervals. It will continue until the Commission makes a further order for its variation or discharge.
6. It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries are available on [GOV.UK](#).
7. If you are affected by this interim manager appointment or the potential outcomes and want to contact the Commission, please do so via [our contact page](#).

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