



22nd November, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find enclosed a paper copy of our recent Regulatory Compliance Inspection Report from Independent Schools Inspectorate. This inspection took place on 4th & 5th October 2017. There are now two types of school inspection which are applied to all schools: Educational Quality Inspections and Regulatory Compliance Inspections. These take place every three years in rotation.

A Regulatory Compliance Inspection examines how our school meets The Education (Independent Schools Standards) Regulations, 2014. The report does not apply judgements, but simply states whether or not each standard is met, and is written in regulatory language.

The standards relating to Quality of Education are met, as are those relating to the promotion of good behaviour, prevention of bullying, provision for first aid and pupil supervision. This is very positive feedback which reflects the quality of teaching, learning, assessment, and outcomes for pupils, and the continuing effort of management, staff and pupils to strive for improvement and progress. The great feedback parents gave to inspector's survey of over 90% satisfaction with all but one question has encouraged us immensely.

In a climate of very intense accountability, as a small school we have made consistent and strategic improvements to every aspect of our provision and practice, however there are some areas that are not compliant. These are principally administrative points so, although disappointing, they have largely already been resolved. Others have been planned for and included on our Action Plan which we have returned to ISI.

We are unhappy with the statement at Part 2 (2.7) as we do not believe this reflects our attitudes or practice and we have written to ISA regarding this. However, we will take up the challenge to provide more evidence for this standard and have included this in our Action Plan.

The inspectors were adamant that our playground was not compliant with fire regulations. Our local fire officer approved it. We have carefully examined the most recent British Standards for fire safety and find it compliant. This evidence has been passed to ISI as part of our Action Plan and we intend to take the matter up with DfE who have previously accepted the provision.

As a school, we accept inspection and welcome the opportunity to celebrate those things we are shown to do well, and to learn from having an expert external viewpoint check the details of our performance as an organisation.

The report will be published on ISA's website on Wednesday, 22nd November. We are required to place it on our website at the same time and we intend to put this letter alongside it. If there is any aspect of this process that you would like further information on, please email or come to talk to me.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal/Director



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