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Dear placing authority

Ofsted's point-in-time for local authorities which place and fund children in independent schools

Why have you sent me this survey?

Ofsted has moved to annual point-in-time online surveys to use with our frameworks for inspecting education in non-association independent schools and for inspecting boarding provision in maintained and independent boarding and residential special schools. However, some schools may not wish to use the online option, so we have published this paper copy.

We encourage surveys to be completed online where possible. If you would like to do this, please contact Ofsted using the contact details above and provide us with the name and unique reference number of the school that sent you this letter. We will then send you an email with a link unique to this specific school which will give you access to the online survey.

We would like you to complete a survey to help us understand how well you think that this school looks after the children and young people that you place, or have placed there. If you continue to place children in this school you should anticipate receiving a request to complete the survey every year.

What will you do with the answers I give you?

Your answers will only be read by Ofsted, and will be used by inspectors the next time this school is inspected. An inspection can happen at any time and it may not be for a few years' time as the education provision of some good and outstanding independent schools is now inspected every six years. That should not put you off giving us your views as we will use them to help us to decide when we should inspect.

When we write our inspection report, we may refer to any issues you have raised. We may also use the data in our other publications such as the Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills. We keep the information from all of the surveys in our database, and the inspector might refer to some of it during inspection to help the school improve their service. We make sure no information identifies you whenever we use what you have told us.

Where concerns are raised about child protection, we will pass any information we receive to children's services or the police.

How do I complete the survey?

- Please read each statement and put an 'x' in the answer that best fits what you think about the school or the boarding/residential provision
- Please answer each question once
- If you cannot answer a question, please leave it blank
- If you would like raise any issues, please write them in the box under question 17.

What do I do when I have finished?

Please return this survey as quickly as possible. You can download a copy of the survey (www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/point-time-survey-for-local-authorities-which-place-and-fund-children-independent-schools) and email it to Ofsted at surveys@ofsted.gov.uk putting 'confidential' and the name of the school in the subject line. If you wish to complete the paper version, please return it by post to the address at the top of this letter, in a sealed envelope marked 'confidential'.

Thank you for completing our survey. Your views will be of considerable assistance.

Yours faithfully

Ofsted's inspection support team

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Name of school:
Address of school:
Unique reference number of school, if known:
How many pupils are currently placed at the school from your local authority:
What is the age range of these pupils:

	Please put an 'x'	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	The pupils we place are happy at this school					
2	The pupils were helped to settle in well when they started at the school					
3	The pupils are making good academic progress at school					
4	Pupils make good progress with their behaviour and personal development					
5	Teaching is good					
6	Staff expect the pupils to work hard and do their best					
7	Homework that is given builds well on what the pupils learn in school					
8	Staff treat pupils fairly and with respect					
9	The school helps pupils to become independent and prepares them for life after school					
10	There is a good range of activities including trips or visits					
11	We are kept well informed about pupils' progress					
12	We feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or a problem					
13	We are invited to attend and contribute to meetings called by the school to review pupils' progress					
14	We are aware of the school's procedures for dealing with complaints					

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	Please put an 'x'	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
15	The school is well run					
16	The school provides an annual account of income and expenditure for each pupil we place					
17	The school provides good value for money for each pupil we place					

If you wish to explain any of your answers, or add any further comments about the school, please give details here. (Box will expand on typing. If you are completing this survey in writing, please use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

Your name:

Your role:

Local authority:

Thank you for filling in our point-in-time survey

Please return this survey via email to surveys@ofsted.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter, marking the envelope 'confidential'.