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Dear Proprietor

Bnois Jerusalem Girls School

I refer to the inspection carried out by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills ('HMCI') on 1 March 2021 at the above school ('the School') under section 109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 ('the Act'). You will see from the report ('the March 2021 inspection report'), which has been published, that the inspection found a number of regulatory failings relating to the independent school standards ('ISS')¹ and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)².

This March 2021 inspection was preceded by a history of other inspections, at which the School was found not to be fully compliant with the ISS and the EYFS. One was conducted by HMCI on 12-14 June 2018, which also found that several of the ISS and EYFS were not being met in relation to the School. A notice was issued by the Secretary of State dated 6 November 2018, under section 114 of the Act, requiring an action plan. An action plan was submitted in response to that notice. The Department rejected the action plan and notice of this decision was given to the proprietor by a letter dated 7 January 2019.

A subsequent inspection, carried out on 27 March 2019, a progress monitoring inspection ('PMI'), found that whilst there had been some improvement, including on the requirements for the EYFS which were now met, there were still a number of regulatory failings relating to the ISS.

A standard inspection of the School was carried out by HMCI on 10-12 December 2019, where the overall effectiveness of the School was judged to be inadequate. The inspection found that the previous failings relating to the ISS remained unmet and furthermore, that the School was now failing to meet parts from the EYFS. A statutory notice was issued to the School requiring an action plan on 9 September 2020. An action plan was submitted in response to that notice and was rejected by the Department. The proprietor was given notice of this decision by a letter dated 22 December 2020.

¹ Schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 (S.I.2014/3283).

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

A further PMI was commissioned which took place on 1 March 2021. It found that the School had made some improvement towards meeting the ISS, but that some previous failings relating to the ISS and EYFS remained unmet.

The Secretary of State is satisfied, taking into account the 1 March 2021 inspection report, and the regulatory history outlined above, that the seriousness of the failings identified in that 1 March inspection report as well as the continued failure of the proprietor to meet all the ISS since June 2018 and the intermittent compliance with the EYFS during the same period, warrant enforcement action. He has, therefore, decided to impose a 'relevant restriction' on the proprietor of the School. The effect of the specific restriction which the Secretary of State has decided upon will be, when it takes effect, that no new pupils may be admitted to the school.

Decision to impose relevant restriction

Taking account of the report relating to the 1 March 2021 inspection report, the Secretary of State is satisfied, for the purposes of section 115(1) of the Act, that a number of standards in the ISS, as well as the EYFS, are not being met in relation to the School. In addition, both required action plans submitted, in response to the statutory notices from the Secretary of State dated 6 November 2018 and 9 September 2020 requiring the production of an action plan, were rejected by the Department. This means that one of the conditions referred to in section 115(3) of the Act is met for the purpose of taking enforcement action in relation to the proprietor of the school (specifically, the condition contained in section 115(4)(a) and (b)(ii) of the Act is satisfied). Therefore, the Secretary of State is entitled to take enforcement action under section 115(3) and 116 of the Act in relation to the proprietor of the school.

Having the power to take enforcement action under section 115(3) and 116 of the Act, and having considered whether any, and what sort of, enforcement action under section 116 of the Act is appropriate, the Secretary of State has decided to impose the following relevant restriction (see section 117 of the Act and in particular subsection (1)(c)):

The proprietor of Bnois Jerusalem Girls School, 79/81 Amhurst Park, London, N16 5DL

is required to cease to admit any new pupils to that school and that this requirement is to start to apply immediately after the 28-day period stipulated in section 125(2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008 for making an appeal against the decision to impose this relevant restriction, has expired.

The 28-day period referred to above for making an appeal begins on the date on which the notice of the decision to impose the relevant restriction is served on you, the proprietor of the School. The notice attached to this letter constitutes the necessary notice to you. Our working assumption is that the notice will be served on you, the proprietor, after the end of two working days following the date of this letter. On this assumption, you will be prohibited from admitting new pupils to the School after 23 September 2021, unless you appeal in time (see below).

The Annexes to the attached notice sets out the regulatory failings which have led to the decision to impose this relevant restriction.


As the proprietor of the School you have the right under section 125(1)(c) of the Act to appeal against the decision to impose the relevant restriction to the First-tier Tribunal. Any appeal must be made by a proprietor, in writing, within 28 days beginning with the date on which notice of a decision to impose a relevant restriction on them is served on them. If an appeal is made by you, the proprietor, within the required time limit, then the relevant restriction will not take effect until such time as the appeal is determined, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of. The relevant contact details for the First Tier Tribunal are: HM Courts and Tribunal Service, 1st Floor, Darlington Magistrate's Court, Parkgate, Darlington DL1 1RU. Telephone 01325 289350.

As the proprietor of the School you may also apply to the Secretary of State to have the relevant restriction revoked or varied under section 118(4) of the Act. Such an application would be approved only if the Secretary of State was satisfied that it would be appropriate to do so because of any change in circumstances. In particular, the extent to which the ISS are then being met would be of significance to the Secretary of State's consideration of any such application. There is no time limit on when a proprietor may make an application to the Secretary of State under section 118(4) of the Act.

It is an offence for a proprietor to fail to comply with a relevant restriction which has taken effect, with penalties of up to six months' imprisonment and/or a fine (for which there is no statutory maximum).

Finally, further continued failure to comply with the ISS or the EYFS may also result in the Secretary of State deciding that it is appropriate to remove the School from the register of independent schools.

Yours faithfully


Director
School Safeguarding and Pastoral Care Directorate

SECTION 116(1)(a) AND (2) OF THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS ACT 2008³

(‘the Act’)

**NOTICE OF THE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION TO
IMPOSE A RELEVANT RESTRICTION ON THE PROPRIETOR OF THE FOLLOWING
SCHOOL:**

TO THE PROPRIETOR

Bnois Jerusalem Girls School

79/81 Amhurst Park

London

N16 5DL

(‘the School’)

(204/6242)

WHEREAS -

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

(i) having received the report of an inspection by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills (‘HMCI’) carried out between 12-14 June 2018 to the effect that a number of the independent school standards (as prescribed in the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014⁴) were not being met in relation to the School, served a notice (pursuant to section 114 of the Act – a statutory notice) dated 6 November 2018 on the School’s proprietor (‘the proprietor’) requiring the submission of an action plan on or before 6 December 2019;

(ii) received an action plan on 6 December 2018 from the proprietor, which was rejected by the Secretary of State under section 114(6)(b) of the Act, and informed the proprietor of that decision by a letter dated 7 January 2019;

(iv) having received the report of an inspection by HMCI of the School carried out on 27 March 2019 to the effect that a number of independent school standards and requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage (‘EYFS’) were not met in relation to the School;

(v) having received the report of an inspection by HMCI of the School carried out on 10-12 December 2019 to the effect that a number of independent school standards and requirements of the EYFS were not met in relation to the School, served a statutory notice on the proprietor dated 10 March 2020 requiring the submission of an action plan on or before 14 April 2020 (subsequently withdrawn in response to the Covid-19 pandemic), and served a statutory notice on the proprietor dated 9

³ c.25.

⁴ SI 2014/3283.

September 2020 requiring the submission of an action plan on or before 9 October 2020;

(vi) received an action plan on 29 October 2020 from the proprietor, which was rejected by the Secretary of State under section 114(6)(b) of the Act, and informed the proprietor of that decision by a letter dated 22 December 2020;

(vii) having received a further report of an Inspection by HMCI of the School carried out on 1 March 2021 to the effect that the standards from the Independent School Standards and the requirements from the EYFS specified in the Annexes to this notice were not being met in relation to the School, and having taken into account the report of that inspection is satisfied that a number of the independent educational institution standards are not being met in relation to the School; and

(viii) being permitted to take enforcement action under section 115(3) and 116 of the Act because the condition in section 115(4) of the Act is met (specifically that the proprietor has been required to submit an action plan under section 114 of the Act within the 3 year period specified in section 115(4)(a) of the Act, and that the action plan was submitted but rejected by the Secretary of State);

(viii) has decided to impose the following relevant restriction⁵:

The proprietor of Bnois Jerusalem Girls School, (79/81 Amhurst Park, London, N16 5DL), is required to cease to admit any new pupils to that school and that this requirement is to start to apply immediately after the 28-day period stipulated in section 125(2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008 for making an appeal against the decision to impose this relevant restriction, has expire

NOW THEREFORE –

Notice is hereby given to the proprietor of the School, for the purposes of section 116(2) of the Act, that the Secretary of State has decided under sections 115(3) and 116(1)(a) of the Act to impose the following relevant restriction:

The proprietor of Bnois Jerusalem Girls School, (79/81 Amhurst Park, London, N16 5DL), is required to cease to admit any new pupils to that school and that this requirement is to start to apply immediately after the 28-day period stipulated in section 125(2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008 for making an appeal against the decision to impose this relevant restriction, has expired.

By virtue of section 116(3) of the Act, the decision in question does not take effect during the period in which (a) an appeal to the First-Tier Tribunal may be brought against it under section 125 of the Act or (b) where such an appeal is brought, the appeal has not been determined, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.

Any appeal under section 125 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 125(2) of the Act).

⁵ 'Relevant restriction' is defined in section 117(1) of the Act – see in particular section 117(1)(c).

Date: 24 August 2021



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ANNEX 1 TO NOTICE

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The following independent school standards, as prescribed in the Schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, are standards that the Secretary of State is satisfied 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

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

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

(d) personal, social, health and economic education which—

(ii) encourages respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the 2010 Act⁶;

(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—

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

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;

(b) ensures that principles are actively promoted which—

⁶ The protected characteristics are set out in Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Equality Act 2010.

(v) further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling pupils to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;

(vi) encourage respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the 2010 Act; and

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

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The following requirements from the Early Years Foundation Stage are not being met in relation to the School:

Section 1 – The learning and development requirements

The early learning goals - literacy

1.12 Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.