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The Proprietor  
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Green Road  
Southgate  
London  
N14 4AT

Our ref: 308/6056

Direct line: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: 15 February 2018

Dear Proprietor

I refer to the inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate that was carried out at the above school under section 109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 on 17 November 2017. You will see from the enclosed report that ISI noted serious regulatory failings.

Taking account of the report the Secretary of State is satisfied, pursuant to section 114(1) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, that any one or more of the independent school standards<sup>1</sup> is or are not being met in relation to the school.

I should also point out that in addition to the failings identified in the report it is considered by the Secretary of State that the standard about the quality of leadership and management has not been met.

In these circumstances I enclose a Notice, served by the Secretary of State for Education under section 114(5) of the 2008 Act, requiring an Action Plan which details the steps that will be taken to meet all of the standards set out in the Annex to the Notice and the time by which each step will be taken, to be submitted by 15 March 2018.

You are reminded that the independent school standards require that a copy of the inspection report is sent to parents and parents of prospective pupils. This will be checked at the next inspection.

The Action Plan must contain reasonable timescales for implementation within which the necessary action will be taken and it is expected that the implementation dates given in the Action Plan should not extend beyond 15 May 2018. A template and supporting advice is enclosed which may help you in drawing up a satisfactory Action Plan. Please can you ensure that you copy your action plan to ISI at the same time as sending it to me.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014 \(SI 2014/3283\)](#)

The deadline by which the Action Plan must be received by me is 15 March 2018. If this date is not met, the Secretary of State may remove the school from the Register of Independent Schools or may impose a requirement restricting the school's operations (from a date following the period during which you may appeal).

I must warn you that the Secretary of State may reject an Action Plan, and in these circumstances the Secretary of State may remove the school from the Register of Independent Schools or may impose a requirement restricting the school's operations (from a date following the appeal period).

If an Action Plan is accepted, ISI may be asked to visit the school again to check that the school has fully implemented the plan and that it is fully meeting the independent school standards.

You may wish to note that this letter, the enclosed Notice and Annex(es) will be published shortly on the Gov.uk website.

Yours faithfully



Independent Education and Boarding Team

**SECTION 114(5) OF THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS ACT 2008**

**NOTICE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**

**IN RELATION TO**  
Vita Et Pax School  
6a Priory Close  
Green Road  
Southgate  
London  
N14 4AT  
**(“the School”)**

**WHEREAS**

The Secretary of State for Education, being the keeper of the register of independent schools in England<sup>2</sup> –

- (i) has taken into account a report in respect of an inspection of the School by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, which was conducted on 17 November 2017; and
- (ii) is satisfied that the independent school standards, as prescribed in the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, specified in the Annex to this Notice are not being met in relation to the School.

**NOW THEREFORE**

In exercise of the power conferred upon him by section 114(5) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the Secretary of State serves the following Notice on the proprietor of the School:

- (1) the independent school standards set out in the Annex to this Notice are not being met in relation to the School; and
- (2) the proprietor of the School is required to submit an action plan<sup>3</sup> to the Secretary of State specifying the steps that will be taken to meet the standards, and the time by which each step will be taken, on or before 15 March 2018.

  
Independent Education and Boarding Team

Date

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<sup>2</sup> The Secretary of State is required to keep a register of independent educational institutions in England under section 95(1) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. “Independent educational institution” is defined in section 92(1) of that Act as an independent school and an independent provider of part-time education. Independent providers of part-time education are not currently regulated so effectively the requirement under section 95(1) is for the Secretary of State to keep a register of independent schools.

<sup>3</sup> An action plan is defined in section 114(4) of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

## **ANNEX 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 not being met in relation to the school:**

### **PART 3: Welfare, health and safety of pupils**

*The standards about the welfare, health and safety of pupils at the school are those contained in this Part.*

12. The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005<sup>4</sup>.

### **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.

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<sup>4</sup> S.I. 2005/1541, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.