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Dear Proprietor

I refer to the inspection by Ofsted that was carried out at the above school under section 109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 between 9 and 11 May 2018 and the proposals you subsequently provided about meeting the standards on 22 June 2018 and 20 September 2018. You will see from the enclosed evaluations that these proposed actions are not satisfactory.

Taking account of the report and the evaluations of the school's proposed actions 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 standards¹ is or are not being met in relation to the school.

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 10 April 2019.

You are reminded that the independent school standards require that a copy of the inspection report is sent to parents and a copy is published on the school's website or, where no such website exists, is provided to parents on request. 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 12 June 2019. A template and supporting advice is enclosed which may help you in drawing up a satisfactory Action Plan.

The deadline by which the Action Plan must be received by me is 10 April 2019. 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).

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

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, Ofsted 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 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
LEICESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 2 ALBERT ROAD, STONEYGATE,
LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE2 2AA
("the School")**

WHEREAS

The Secretary of State for Education, being the keeper of the register of independent schools in England² –

- (i) has taken into account a report in respect of an inspection of the School by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills which was conducted between 9 and 11 May 2018;
- (ii) any other evidence in respect of the school; and
- (iii) 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 plan³ 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 10 April 2019.


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² 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.

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

ANNEX TO NOTICE

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Stoneygate, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 2AA
("the school")

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 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—*

(a) *full-time supervised education for pupils of compulsory school age (construed in accordance with section 8 of the Education Act 1996), which gives pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education;*

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

(c) *where the principal language of instruction is a language other than English, lessons in written and spoken English, except that this matter does not apply in respect of a school which provides education for pupils who are all temporarily resident in England and which follows the curriculum of another country;*

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

(i) *reflects the school's aim and ethos; and*

(ii) *encourages respect for other people, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the 2010 Act⁴;*

(e) *for pupils receiving secondary education, access to accurate, up-to-date careers guidance that—*

(i) *is presented in an impartial manner;*

(ii) *enables them to make informed choices about a broad range of career options; and*

(iii) *helps to encourage them to fulfil their potential;*

(f) *where the school has pupils below compulsory school age, a programme of activities which is appropriate to their educational needs in relation to personal,*

⁴ The protected characteristics are set out in Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Equality Act 2010.

social, emotional and physical development and communication and language skills;

(g) where the school has pupils above compulsory school age, a programme of activities which is appropriate to their needs;

(h) that all pupils have the opportunity to learn and make progress; and

(i) effective preparation of pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life in British society.

PART 6: Provision of information

32. (1) The standard about the provision of information by the school is met if the proprietor ensures that—

(b) the information specified in sub-paragraph (3) is made available to parents of pupils and parents of prospective pupils and, on request, to the Chief Inspector, the Secretary of State or an independent inspectorate; and

(3) The information specified in this sub-paragraph is—

(e) particulars of the school's academic performance during the preceding school year, including the results of any public examinations.