**Proposed changes to the suite of Regulations under which independent schools in Wales operate**

**Consultation response form**

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

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Responses should be returned by 17 July 2023 to:

Independent Schools Branch

Support for Learners Division

The Education Directorate

Welsh Government

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Cardiff

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or completed electronically and sent to:

email: IndependentSchools@gov.wales

Please refer to the relevant sections of the consultation document and the suite of Independent Schools Regulations when providing your responses to the questions.

**Overarching changes**

**Question OC1 –** Do you agree with the proposed overarching changes relating to the ultimate responsibility of the proprietor for compliance with the Regulations and to retain references to learners with statements during the phasing-in of the additional learning needs and education tribunal (ALNET) system?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question OC2 –** Do you have any other comments in relation to the overarching changes?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 1 – Quality of education provided**

**Question 1.1** – Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 1?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 1.2 –** Do you have any other comments in relation to the quality of education provided?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 2 – Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils**

**Question 2.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 2?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 2.2 –** Do you have any other comments in relation to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of learners?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 3 –** **Welfare, health and safety of pupils**

**Question 3.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 3?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 3.2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to the welfare, health and safety of learners?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 4** **– The suitability of the proprietor and staff**

**Question 4.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 4?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 4.2 –** Do you have any other comments in relation to the suitability of the proprietor and staff?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 5** **– Premises of and boarding accommodation at schools**

**Question 5.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 5?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 5.2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to the premises of and boarding accommodation at schools?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 6** **– The provision of information**

**Question 6.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 6?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 6.2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to the provision of information?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Standard 7 – The manner in which complaints are to be handled**

**Question 7.1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed changes to Standard 7?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question 7.2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to the manner in which complaints are to be handled?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Other proposed legislation**

**Question OPL1** **–** Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the Independent Schools (Provision of Information) (Wales) Regulations 2023 and Independent Schools (Prohibition on Participation in Management) Regulations 2023?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question OPL2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to the Independent Schools (Provision of Information) (Wales) Regulations 2023 and Independent Schools (Prohibition on Participation in Management) Regulations 2023?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Duty to report a child at risk of harm**

**Question DTR1** **–** Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a requirement on proprietors, governors or trustees of independent schools and all staff and volunteers to inform the local authority where they know or reasonably suspect that a child, who is a pupil at the school, is experiencing or is at risk of abuse, neglect or harm?

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| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]   | Don’t know | [ ]   |

**Please provide your rationale**

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**Question DTR2** **–** Do you have any other comments in relation to this proposal or its potential impacts?

**Please provide additional comments**

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**Mandatory questions**

**Mandatory question 1** **–** We would like to know your views on the effects that the proposed Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2023, Independent Schools (Provision of Information) (Wales) Regulations 2023 and Independent Schools (Prohibition on Participation in Management) Regulations 2023 would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

**Supporting comments**

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**Mandatory question 2 –** Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

**Supporting comments**

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**Mandatory question 3** – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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| Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: | [ ]  |