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Dear Proprietor

The School of the Islamic Republic of Iran

I refer to the inspection carried out by His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills ('HMCI') on 11-13 October 2022 at the above school ('the school') under s.109 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 ('the Act').

You will see from the enclosed report (Annex 2), which has been published, that the inspection found a number of serious regulatory failings relating to the independent school standards ('ISS')¹.

In the circumstances, the Secretary of State is satisfied that the failings against the ISS are sufficiently serious to warrant enforcement action and that it is appropriate to remove the school from the register of independent educational institutions in England.

Decision to deregister the school

Taking account of the report relating to the 11-13 October 2022 inspection carried out by HMCI, the Secretary of State is satisfied, for the purposes of section 115(1) of the Act, that a number of the ISS are not being met in relation to the school. Given the fact that the Secretary of State, by a notice dated 25 November 2020, required the production of an action plan (which was rejected on 16 September 2021), and that the Secretary of State has not at any time, since the requirement was imposed, been satisfied that the school is meeting all of the ISS, 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 conditions contained in sections 115(4) and 115(5) of the Act is satisfied). Therefore, the

¹ Statutory Instrument 2014/3283

Secretary of State is authorised to take the enforcement action specified under section 116 of the Act in relation to the proprietor of the school.

Having the power to take enforcement action under s.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 remove the school from the register of independent schools.

If you do not appeal against this decision, the school will be removed from the register once the period of 28 days has expired. The 28-day period will begin with the date on which the attached notice is served on the proprietor. Our working assumption is that the notice will be served on the proprietor after the end of two working days following the date of this letter. On this assumption, the school will be deregistered after 13 April 2023 in the event that no appeal is made by the proprietor to the First-Tier Tribunal within the 28-day period. The annex to the attached notice sets out the regulatory failings which have led to the decision to impose this relevant restriction.

The proprietor also has the right under section 124(1)(d) of the Act to appeal against the decision to deregister the school to the First-Tier Tribunal. Any appeal must be made, in writing, within 28 days of the date on which the attached notice is served on the proprietor. If an appeal is made by the proprietor within the required time limit, then the deregistration will not take effect until such time as the appeal is determined, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of. The relevant contact details are: HM Courts and Tribunal Service, 1st Floor, Darlington Magistrate's Court, Parkgate, Darlington DL1 1RU. Telephone 01325 289350.

It is an offence (under section 96(2) of the Act), for a proprietor to conduct an independent school which is unregistered, with penalties of up to six months imprisonment and/or a substantial fine. Therefore, where the school is removed from the register, you must take appropriate action to ensure that this offence is not committed.

Yours faithfully



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