



ISI Independent
Schools
Inspectorate

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Code of Conduct for Board

DATE OF POLICY:

APPROVED BY: Board

DATE TO BE REVIEWED:

Code of conduct for Directors

Values

1. The Board endorses and abides by the principles of public life as set out by the Committee on Standards in Public Life

A board member must

2. observe this Code of Conduct
3. behave at all times, including online, in such a way that does not undermine the trust the public places in inspection and ISI
4. promptly disclose to the Chair of the board any matter or emerging matter from their personal or professional life which might, if it were to come to light, cause reputational damage to ISI
5. uphold the rule of law including the government prescribed standards against which ISI inspects (Independent School Standards, National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools, statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, Standards for British Schools Overseas) and associated governmental guidance
6. act in good faith
7. declare personal interests in matters that are or might be perceived as being relevant or material to the business of ISI or that might conflict with their duties as a director of ISI, and, at the request of the Chair, withdraw from parts of board meetings where such issues are under discussion
8. maintain confidentiality of material provided to the board and discussions with board members, including at board meetings, sharing information with associations or others only by mutual agreement of the board
9. abide by the ISI policies, from time to time, relating to
 - a. safeguarding
 - b. anti-bribery, hospitality and gifts
 - c. expenses
 - d. whistleblowing
 - e. data protection.

A board member must not

10. allow his or her independence to be compromised
11. access or seek to access information relating to schools and colleges inspected by ISI or any members of those communities such as pupils, students, parents, staff, governors or proprietors, save as required for the purpose of financial management of ISI or such access as required for the proper administration of the complaints policy
12. use their position as a board member of ISI as a means to access staff or children at institutions inspected by ISI
13. use information gained in the course of their directorship to promote their private interests, or those of connected persons, Associations, schools, groups of schools, colleges, firms, businesses and other organisations

14. imply to others and must avoid leading or allowing others to believe that they have any influence over the conduct, scheduling or judgements of or relating to particular inspections
15. purport to represent ISI or speak on behalf of ISI as an individual
16. comment publicly on matters relating to ISI, inspection, individual inspections, or institutions inspected by ISI (other than their own, in the case of board members who are serving heads or otherwise connected to schools), except when the board agrees that it would be proper for a statement to be made through the Chair.

The board must

17. ensure ISI complies with its legal obligations
18. ensure ISI continues to meet any terms prescribed by the Secretary of State for continued approval as an inspectorate
19. ensure ISI is run effectively by the executive team, in accordance with proper governance and sound financial and risk management principles, ensuring good stewardship of the funds provided to ISI for the purpose of inspection
20. ensure all matters pertaining to substantive inspection remain independent of the board and subject to the oversight and approval of the DfE.