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Dear Ms Haste,

Following the DfE announcement to revise the standards and inspection arrangements for BSOs (British Schools Overseas), the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) is well positioned to offer a leading response to this consultation.

Reflecting the voice of our members and supporting colleagues, our wish is to ensure that revised standards are fit for purpose, that they remain relevant and represent the best interests of our growing educational sector and most importantly encompass the real world in which British overseas schools operate.

We have completed the Consultation Response Form and due to the high level of response and strength of opinion received from our members, please find enclosed an additional supporting document.

We look forward to working with you as this consultation progresses and should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Bell

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