

# ISSRs Update for Independent Schools Inspected by ISI & Ofsted

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Wednesday 23rd September 2026 Virtual Masterclass



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## OUTLINE

This masterclass provides independent school leaders with a practical and up-to-date understanding of the latest expectations within the Independent School Standards Regulations (ISSRs) following the April 2026 DfE guidance update. The session focuses on strengthening inspection readiness, reducing compliance risk, and ensuring schools remain aligned with current statutory and regulatory requirements.

This masterclass examines the practical implications of the latest ISSR and DfE guidance updates for independent schools, with a focus on leadership oversight, operational effectiveness, and regulatory accountability. The session will explore how evolving expectations are shaping inspection conversations and influencing whole-school compliance practice across both association and non-association settings.

Through discussion of current themes and emerging areas of focus, participants will consider how schools can strengthen internal systems, improve strategic oversight, and maintain confidence in key statutory processes. Themes explored during the session will include safeguarding, attendance, pupil welfare, information provision, record keeping, and leadership oversight within the context of current statutory and regulatory expectations.

## KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Develop a broader understanding of current ISSR and regulatory expectations for independent schools.
- Reflect on how statutory guidance may influence school policies, procedures, and operational practice.
- Consider approaches to strengthening leadership oversight and internal compliance systems.
- Explore themes commonly discussed within inspection and regulatory contexts.
- Review areas of school practice linked to safeguarding, pupil welfare, attendance, and information management.
- Increase awareness of the importance of consistency, monitoring, and record keeping in supporting compliance.
- Consider ways to support inspection readiness through effective organisational practice.
- Reflect on how schools can maintain confidence in meeting current statutory responsibilities.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Headteachers and Principals, Proprietors and Governors, Senior leaders with oversight of compliance, DSLs and DDSLs, Attendance, admissions and administrative leads

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMME

**09.55am REGISTRATION**

**10.00am Understanding the Current ISSR Landscape**

- Overview of the April 2026 DfE guidance updates
- Current themes within independent school compliance and inspection activity
- Leadership, governance, and whole-school accountability
- Reviewing systems, oversight, and organisational confidence in compliance practice

**10.45am Operational Compliance and Statutory Responsibilities**

- Safeguarding culture and operational practice
- Attendance, admissions, and record-keeping considerations
- Pupil welfare, behaviour, and information provision
- The importance of consistency, monitoring, and implementation across school systems

**11.30am COMFORT BREAK AND VIRTUAL NETWORKING**

**11.45am Inspection Readiness and Practical Reflection**

- Considering approaches to inspection preparation and evidence awareness
- Common areas of procedural vulnerability within schools
- Reflecting on leadership assurance and internal review processes

**12.30pm Plenary & final Q&A**

**1.00pm CLOSE OF DAY**

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