

Friday 30 September 2022

Dear Parents

The Independent Schools Council (ISC) has opened a parent survey, to which you are invited to participate. The ISC is the 'voice of independent education', and exists to serve the needs of independent schools so that they are best placed to support you and your child. Among its functions is to engage with national policy. Below is the wording sent to me to forward on to you.

This survey is designed to help St Paul's Cathedral School and the wider independent school sector understand parents' decision-making process when choosing a school for their child. This is especially important in the lead up to a General Election when we expect at least one political party's manifesto to include proposed tax changes which would affect every parent in an independent school.

You can access the survey online using the following link:

<https://surveys.isc.co.uk/ParentSurvey/welcome.aspx?SurveyID=179170>.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, but it **must** be completed at one sitting. Therefore, it is recommended that you use a reliable internet connection when completing it. You will only need your normal web browser to complete the survey. While it is possible to complete the survey on a smartphone, some questions have a large number of options, so we would recommend completing the survey on a tablet, laptop or desktop.

Please only complete **one** survey for our school. If you have more than one child at our school, please complete the survey for your **eldest** child. However, if you have children at another independent school, you may receive a separate request to complete the survey, which you may complete for that school, ensuring that you use the link supplied for that school.

The survey web site will remain open until **Monday 31st October 09:00**.

Please be assured that all responses are treated in strictest confidence and your answers will only be used to perform aggregate analysis for our school and the sector as a whole.

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please email the ISC Research Team (research@isc.co.uk).

I do hope as many of you as possible will be able to complete the survey.

In the meantime, I hope the much-needed rain doesn't dampen your weekend too much.

Let's have some Annie to dance to... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzFnYcIqj6I>

Best wishes

Simon