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Dear parent/guardian

We are writing to inform you that the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) is carrying out an evaluation on the approaches and challenges in delivering effective preventative safeguarding practices in schools and Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) centres.

As part of this work, one of our key objectives is to seek pupils' views on safeguarding arrangements and how effectively they think their school/centre is empowering them to make informed choices and keep themselves safe through personal development and relationships and sexuality education. To this end, ETI will issue a short questionnaire to a sample of schools and EOTAS centres to share with their pupils in primary 7 and years 10, 12 and 14. Where necessary, staff in schools will be able to provide support to ensure that pupils fully understand the questions and are able to provide their views.

Should you wish to access a copy of the questionnaire in advance of your child completing it in school, please email Inspection Services Team to request a copy at the following email: eti@education-ni.gov.uk.

Inspectors are also conducting visits to a number of schools/centres to discuss safeguarding approaches and challenges with the relevant school staff and will meet with a small selection of pupils. We wish to assure you that your child's response (via questionnaire or pupil discussion groups) will be treated in confidence, unless a safeguarding issue is raised. Only then will your child's response be shared with the school/centre for their safeguarding team to follow up.

A final published report will include the collective views of pupils and staff across school phases and EOTAS centres.



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We look forward to hearing the views of pupils across the schools and EOTAS centres and wish to thank school staff for their support and goodwill in assisting us with this important piece of work.

Yours faithfully

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