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*Dear Ms Kennally*

**The School Information (England) Regulations 2008 S.I. 2008/3093**

I have become increasingly concerned that a number of maintained schools may not be complying fully with the requirements of the school information regulations, to publish detailed information on their website concerning, amongst other things, the school curriculum, use of the pupil premium, performance data, and certain school policies including the behaviour policy.

Regulation 10 and Schedule 4 of the school information regulations require maintained schools to show, in relation to each year group, the content of the curriculum for each academic subject. In relation to key stage 1, schools must also publish the names of any phonics or reading schemes in operation and, in relation to key stage 4, they must publish a list of the courses provided which lead to a GCSE qualification and a list of other courses offered at key stage 4 and the qualifications that may be acquired.

This information is important for parents so that they know precisely what is taught and when, enabling them to support their children in their studies. It is also important information for parents when choosing new schools.

These regulations also require maintained schools to publish their pupil premium allocation for the current academic year, details of how they plan to spend their allocation and how they spent the last academic year's allocation, and the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils. This helps parents and others to hold schools to account for the use of the pupil premium funding.

It would be very helpful if you could let me know, by 21 November, what action you intend to take to ensure that maintained schools are in full

compliance with the regulations and the timescale for these actions.

Ofsted will also have an interest in this information to inform decisions on when to inspect schools, as well as being used by inspectors as part of the initial evidence when gathering information to prepare for an inspection. You will also be aware that Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, wrote to all schools in the summer setting out the circumstances under which a school might be inspected without notice. The criteria included the situation when a school does not fulfil its statutory obligation to publish curriculum information. I am therefore sending a copy of this letter to HMCI.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*To meet*  
*Nick Gibb*

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