

Welcome to the Autumn 2009 newsletter for schools.

The purpose of the newsletter is provide another means of communication between BSI and schools, and to provide updates and information that will, hopefully, be in a format that busy head teachers and schools will find helpful and of interest. Let us know what you think, please.

Revised BSI inspection documents.

Schools were sent the revised BSI documents by email in July. The documents have been updated and revised and include any regulatory changes. These are for use from September 2009. The new BSI SIEF is for all schools and for those schools with pupils aged 3 to 5 years the supplementary EYFS SIEF should be completed. A BSI Boarding SIEF will be prepared and available by end of this term.

While important for inspection purposes, it is hoped that these documents will help schools with their ongoing self evaluation and development. All documents may be found on the BSI website.

'...BSI has made a positive start in its first year of operation...'

Ofsted judged all BSI inspections that it monitored to be '...good quality...'

Message from Ofsted '...Ofsted wishes to thank BSI and all schools visited for the cooperation and courtesy during their monitoring of BSI inspections...'

Read the first Ofsted annual report of BSI's work that has been published on the Ofsted website, www.ofsted.gov.uk

Independent Safeguarding Authority.

The new Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will further strengthen its role in safeguarding children from October 2009. Schools may find it helpful to keep an eye on developments regarding checks for suitability of staff and related matters on the ISA website, www.isa.gov.org.uk

However, changes in regulatory requirements are not expected until September 2010, so if you follow the BSI Step by Step Guide you will meet all the requirements for the time being.

Schools need now to put their Child Protection policy on their website, if they have a website (see regulation 6[4]).

BSI wishes to send all AMSUK schools Eid Mubarak greetings and hope that it was a joyous Eid ul-Fitr.

BSI administration. Please inform BSI immediately if any of your school contact details change. Schools expecting an inspection within this school year should send their holiday dates to the BSI office if you have not already done so, please.