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Submitted to **Ofsted inspection: removal of the outstanding exemption**
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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 Are you responding as an individual or as part of an organisation?

Individual or organisation :
Organisation

4 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation?

Name your organisation:
Sixth Form Colleges Association

5 What type of organisation is it? (where applicable)

Type of organisation:
Representative organisation

If 'other' please give details: :

6 What is your role or in what capacity are you responding?

Role:
Official/employee

If 'other' please give details:

Consultation questions

7 Do you agree we should remove the exemption for outstanding schools, which currently means they are not routinely inspected?

Yes

Comments (optional):

8 Do you agree we should remove the exemption for outstanding colleges and other organisations delivering publicly-funded education and training, which currently means they are not routinely inspected?

Yes

Comments (optional):

Our members agree that colleges should be subject to routine inspection from September 2020. Many colleges welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to parents and the community that they are still Outstanding, as they feel that some very old judgments are no longer credible. Others would welcome the challenge and support an Ofsted inspection under the new framework would provide.

9 Do you support our proposed approach for currently exempt outstanding schools set in paragraphs 19-27 of the consultation document?

Not applicable

Comments (optional):

10 Do you support our proposed approach for currently exempt outstanding colleges and other organisations delivering publicly-funded education and training set out in paragraphs 19-27?

Yes

Comments (optional):

Yes; the majority of Outstanding members, as well as other members, feel that a full inspection for those inspected before 2015 (and integration into the short inspection cycle for those inspected since) is sensible and proportionate. Choosing to inspect colleges in chronological order based on the date of their last inspection is also sensible, with the proviso that Ofsted should continue to risk-assess Outstanding colleges and prioritise visiting those where there is cause for concern.

11 Do you have any other comments on the proposals set out in this consultation?**Other comments:**

We do have some concern about resource at Ofsted and whether it will be sufficient to ensure thorough and fair inspections if all Outstanding colleges must be inspected within (say) a two year period. Among SFCA members, the number inspected per year would likely double in 2020/21 and 2021/22 if all Outstanding colleges, as well as Good colleges nearing the end of their five-year cycle, were to be inspected. If inspectors are overstretched and under-resourced this will have an impact on the quality of inspections so it is important that Ofsted has the resources to deal with a sharp increase in activity.

Equalities Impact Assessment**12 Please provide any representations and/or evidence on the potential impact of our proposals on people sharing protected characteristics for the purposes of the Public Sector Equality Duty (under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010).**

Equalities impact assessment:

Confidentiality**13 Would you like us to keep your responses confidential?**

Please answer:

No

If you want all, or any part, of a response to be treated as confidential in response to a freedom of information request, please explain why you consider it to be confidential: :