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Dear Mr Daniels

### **Suspension of the inspection of Ormiston Endeavour Academy**

This letter confirms my decision, on behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, to suspend the inspection that began on 6 May 2026. The inspection is not complete as outlined in the [School inspection operating guide for inspectors](#), in the section, suspending an inspection.

As Mike Sheridan, Regional Director for the East of England explained to Tom Rees, Chief Executive Officer on 7 May 2026, the emerging evidence indicates that your school is provisionally performing at or above the expected standard in all evaluation areas, except for safeguarding which is indicatively not met. This is because the inspection team has identified improvements that need to be made to the school's safeguarding practices.

The steps required to make these improvements could not be taken before the end of the on-site inspection visit. Importantly, I am assured that you understand these required improvements and have the capacity to take the urgent action needed to implement them within three months. The CEO and the board of trustees have assured me that they will support you to take the necessary actions with the urgency required. We have agreed that you will share this letter with parents and carers, as well as with staff within your school. You have agreed to publish this letter on your website.

As such, I have taken the decision to suspend the inspection, which therefore has been deemed to be incomplete. When we return to complete the inspection, we will not normally collect new evidence for other evaluation areas. The grades for other evaluation areas have already been provisionally decided, although they have not yet been subject

to quality assurance, so could change prior to publication of the report card. Our focus will be primarily on the specific safeguarding issues under review.

Inspectors will return within three months to check whether the improvements identified have been made, and to complete the inspection. The outcome of the inspection will depend on the effectiveness of actions to remedy the identified weaknesses to safeguarding practice. To be clear, if action has been slow or ineffective within this period, safeguarding standards are likely to be graded as unmet, and the school will be placed in a category of concern.

If you believe the issues have been fully addressed sooner, you should contact the regional provider contact helpline so that they can liaise with Ofsted's regional director about the potential timing of the revisit. In these circumstances, the inspection could resume earlier.

Once the inspection is completed, the full report card will then be published following our usual moderation and quality assurance processes (see the 'when and how report cards are published' section in the [Inspection information for state-funded schools](#)).

### **Next steps**

The improvements required to safeguarding practices are set out below. These must be addressed before we return to complete the inspection.

Improve how risks to vulnerable pupils are assessed, managed, monitored and acted upon, ensuring that follow-up actions are effective by:

- accurately identifying patterns, trends and indicators that suggest pupils may be risk of harm.
- ensuring staff are fully trained to recognise and respond appropriately to risk and work as required with external agencies, including children's social care.

I am copying this letter to the chair of the board of trustees, the CEO of the Ormiston Trust, the Department for Education's Regional Director, the Director of Children's Services for Suffolk, and the Secretary of State for Education.

Please distribute this letter, as agreed, to parents and carers, as well as staff within your school, and ensure that this letter is also published on the school website. This letter will not be published on the Ofsted website.

Yours sincerely

Bessie Owen

**His Majesty's Inspector on behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector**

Cc list:

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