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Dear Parents and Carers,

### The Future of Independent Schools

You may have heard in the news recently that the future of independent schools in Britain is being discussed by major political parties as part of their annual conference season.

As you will be well aware, the contribution that independent schools make to providing high quality education and opportunities for children throughout the country, are an invaluable resource for many communities, such as ours in Wirral. It seems reasonable to expect that parents should have the right to choose which type of school is best for their children and that this should form a key part of our education system.

In order to help ensure that our high-quality school system and independent schools are preserved for the future, I would urge you to ensure that your voice and views are heard by the major political parties. If you feel as strongly as we do about this matter, please do contact your local MP's in West Wirral to submit your views:

**Margaret Greenwood (Labour) Hilbre House, 35 A Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 2BG**  
[margaret.greenwood.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:margaret.greenwood.mp@parliament.uk)

**Laura Evans (Conservative) 24 Meols Drive, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 4AN**  
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Whilst the Labour party's recent motion to abolish independent schools has been adopted, we are confident that this is very unlikely to become Labour policy and will not reach its election manifesto. However, to ensure that we can protect our rights as parents, to make decisions about for our children's education in the future, I have attached some written text which you may wish to adapt or amend as you feel appropriate, before sending on to MPs in our constituency.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Margaret Greenwood,

*I send my children to Avalon School, an independent school in your constituency. I was shocked to hear that Labour has formally endorsed the abolition of independent schools at your recent Conference.*

*As a parent I feel this is an attack on my right to choose education for my children, a right which is protected by human rights law. It is also a policy which would cause massive and unfair disruption to their schooling. Any future government has a duty of care to all children in our country and independent school children should not be made scapegoats for wider social issues.*

*I do not believe it is right to destroy schools which contribute so much to their local communities and our education system. Surely the priority must be on investing in state education, not tearing down good schools. Abolishing independent schools would be a distraction of time and resources.*

*To understand how valuable these schools are to their local communities and your constituency, please take the time to visit my children's school at the earliest opportunity and find out first-hand what they do.*

*Moving forward, I hope we can agree that the focus should be on improving education for all and I strongly believe that abolishing independent schools is not the way to achieve that goal.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Dear Laura Evans,

*I send my children to Avalon School, an independent school in your constituency. I was disappointed to hear that Labour has formally endorsed the abolition of independent schools at their recent Conference.*

*As a parent I feel this is an attack on my right to choose education for my children – a right which is protected by human rights law. It is also a policy which would cause serious and unfair disruption to their schooling. Any future government has a duty of care to all children in our country and independent school children should not be made scapegoats for wider social issues.*

*I do not believe it is right to destroy schools which contribute so much to their local communities and our education system. Surely the priority must be investment in state education, not tearing down good schools. Abolishing independent schools would be a distraction of time and resources.*

*I hope you will make sure that the debate around education policy remains focused on improving education for all. To understand how valuable these schools are to their local communities and your constituency, please take the time to visit my children's school at the earliest opportunity and find out first-hand what they do.*

*Yours sincerely,*