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Dear Parents,

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FEES SURVEY

I am writing to ask if you would kindly contribute to a national school fee survey in which The Portsmouth Grammar School is participating. It should not take up more than 10 minutes of your time.

The research is being undertaken on behalf of independent schools in the UK by **mtm**consulting, a company which has been closely involved in the independent schools sector for many years. This is being undertaken in the interests of understanding the pressures on parental budgets in undertaking the payment of school fees, both now and in the future. Very little detailed research has ever been undertaken in this area and, now more than ever, independent schools need to understand the pressures parents are under, so that they can try to respond accordingly. It is expected that around 100 schools will participate in this survey and that the main findings of the research will be published during the autumn.

The survey will be conducted on-line via a secure website. To access the questionnaire you will need to log on to the following website address and enter a code that will identify the school only. Your own entry will not be traceable to you personally in any way.

Website: <http://www.surveyserver.net/?fees>

Password: **fees**

School Identification Number: **1040**

Please complete the 25 questions, which just require a “click”, and then submit electronically by pressing “send.” The survey will be open until 30 May 2010.

I can assure you that your response will be anonymous and will be treated in the strictest confidence by **mtm**consulting. You will not be required to divulge any information that would identify you personally and no individual responses will be disclosed either to the school or to any third party.

I appreciate that all of us are approached by phone or electronically to respond to surveys of all types. We do believe, however, that this research will be particularly helpful to the school in its forward planning and are most grateful therefore for your support.

Yours sincerely

