**Supplementary Materials**

Levene’s test indicated equal variances for both life satisfaction (F = 3.047,p = .09) and the externalising subscale (F = 3.245,p = .08).

Table 9: Moderation Analyses of the association between School Belonging and Externalising Symptoms and School Belonging and Life Satisfaction by Looked After Status

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| Moderation 1 – School belonging (IV), Looked after status (IVM), Externalising (DV) |
|  | B [BCI] | SE B | t | p-value |
| Constant | 7.05[4.33, 9.41] | 1.28 | 4.806 | .000 |
| Belonging | -0.198[-0.40, 0.02] | .107 | -1.68 | .104 |
| LA status  | 0.20[-1.49, 2.09] | .924 | .218 | .829 |
| Interaction | 0.08[-0.06, 0.22] | .073 | 1.118 | .273 |
| Moderation 2 – School belonging (IV), Looked after status (IVM), Life satisfaction (DV) |
|  | B [BCI] | SE B | t | p-value |
| Constant | 13.99[9.67, 18.45] | 2.296 | 5.516 | .000 |
| Belonging | -.02[-0.51, 0.40] | .226 | -.081 | .903 |
| LA status | 2.21[-0.21, 4.61] | 1.261 | 1.609 | .092 |
| Interaction | 0.07[-0.15, 0.32] | .117 | .536 | .494 |

*Note. Bootstrapped confidence intervals are contained in brackets [BCI]. IV = independent variable, IVM = independent variable moderator, DV = dependent variable.*

Figure S1: Scatterplot Representing the Relationship Between School Belonging and Externalising Symptoms by Group

Figure S2: Scatterplot Representing the Relationship Between School Belonging and Life Satisfaction by Group