

### School Ofsted Judgements

#### Executive summary

1. This report is a regular update for the committee focused upon Ofsted inspections in Wiltshire schools since the previous meeting. It reports on inspection judgements made under the education inspection framework that was introduced in September 2019. It makes judgements as below:
  - Overall effectiveness
  - Quality of education
  - Behaviour and attitudes
  - Personal development
  - Effectiveness of leadership and management
  - Safeguarding is effective?
  - Early years provision
  - Sixth form provision

#### Update

2. Following the June report there have been 4 inspections, only one of which has been published. Details of this inspection are in the table below.

School name (web address to access Ofsted report below)	Status	Date of inspection	OE (previous)	Quality of education	Behaviour & attitudes	Personal development	Leadership & management	Early years provision	Sixth form provision
Marden Vale C of E Academy <a href="#">Ofsted   Marden Vale CofE Academy</a>	Academy	10/06/21	3 ↑ (4)	3	3	3	3	3	n/a

3. It is pleasing that this school has improved since the last full inspection where the school was placed in special measures in June 2018. The inspection recognised the work of school leaders to bring about necessary improvements.

**Current Ofsted percentage position for Wiltshire - 26 August 2021**

**Published Ofsted outcomes by pupil places - 26 August 2021 – from**

## internal data

Table 1 - Source: Internal information

By pupil places	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Outstanding	4358	11.3	6843	22.9		0	13533	19.8
Good	27339	71.0	19399	65.0	496	50	41530	60.8
Requires Improvement	5791	15.0	3569	12.0	270	25	10820	15.8
Inadequate	951	2.5	23	0.1		0	1805	2.6
Not yet inspected (U)	86	0.2			337	25	636	0.9
<b>Outstanding or Good (previous)</b>	31697	82.3	26242	88.0	418	<b>50</b> (66.7)	55063	<b>80.6</b> (80.9)
All	38525	100.0	29834	100.0	627	100.0	68324	100

## Published Ofsted outcomes by schools - 26 August 2021 – from external data

Table 2 - Source: Ofsted Management [State funded school inspections and outcomes: management information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/state-funded-school-inspections-and-outcomes-management-information)

By schools	Primary		Secondary		Special		All	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Outstanding	18	12.4	5	17	0	0	23	<b>10</b>
Good	142	66.7	19	66	2	50	163	<b>71</b>
Requires Improvement	31	13.9	5	17	1	25	37	<b>16</b>
Inadequate	8	5.5	0	0	0	0	8	<b>3</b>
Not yet inspected (U)	3	1.5	0	0	1	25	4	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Outstanding or Good (previous)</b>	159	<b>79.6</b> (79.1)	24	<b>80.0</b> (80.0)	2	<b>50</b> (66.7)	186	<b>79.1%</b> (78.9)
All	201	100.0	29	100.0	4	100.0	235	100.0

## Change in Ofsted category from previous inspection to latest inspection 26 August 2021 – from internal data

Table 3 - Source: Internal information

	Schools	
	Number	%
Up	52	21.8
Same	131	55.0
Down	41	17.2
blank	0	0.0
No previous grade	14	5.9
Same or up	183	76.9
All	238	100.0

- The tables above reflect the current picture for Wiltshire schools and has remained broadly unchanged since the pausing of Ofsted inspections in March 2020 with the advent of the

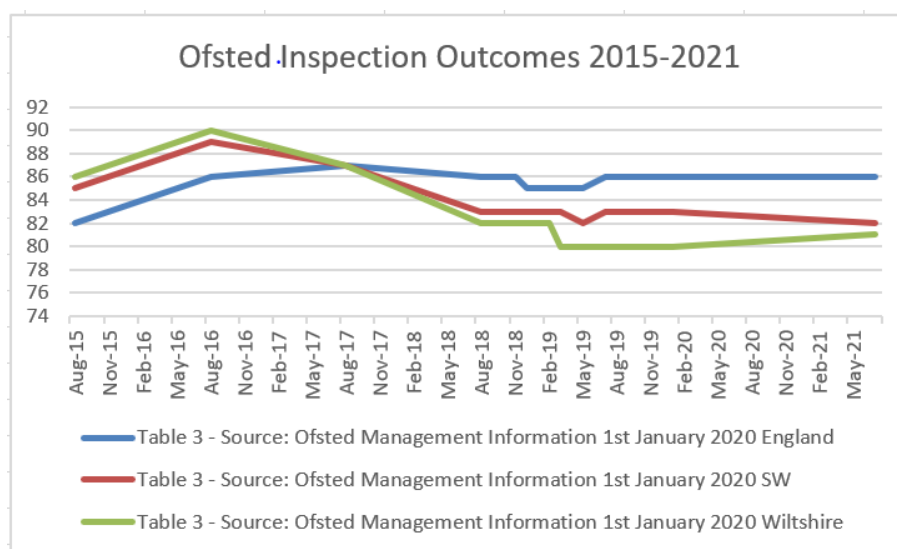
pandemic. During this time schools have worked tirelessly and admirably to keep children safe and meet the many and changing requirements from DfE guidance in response to the pandemic. They have done this whilst also providing an education for all pupils whether they are able to attend school or are self-isolating. Alongside this, they have continued to focus on school improvement.

### Ofsted Inspection Outcomes Overtime – National, South West Region and Wiltshire

Table 4: Source: Ofsted Management [State funded school inspections and outcomes: management information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/state-funded-school-inspections-and-outcomes-management-information)

Good and outstanding schools (ALL) (%)	England	SW	Wiltshire
Jul-21	86	82	81
Jan-20	86	83	80
Oct-19	86	83	80
Jul-19	86	83	80
May-19	85	82	80
Mar-19	85	83	80
Feb-19	85	83	82
Jan-19	85	83	82
Dec-18	85	83	82
Nov-18	86	83	82
Oct-18	86	83	82
Sep-18	86	83	82
Aug-18	86	83	82
Aug-17	87	87	87
Aug-16	86	89	90
Aug-15	82	85	86

The overall Ofsted picture for schools in Wiltshire continues to sit 5% below the national figure of 86% of schools being good or better. The percentage of good plus schools has dropped by 1% across the South West with a slight upturn for Wiltshire of 1% since January 2020, bringing Wiltshire 1% below regional LAs. This picture remains an unfavourable one for Wiltshire and one we remain focused upon addressing through all our work.



- The school effectiveness team, along with many other LA services have continued to provide in-school and virtual support and challenge. School improvement advisors have continued their visits to all maintained schools focusing on leadership and management,

use of pupil premium and standards. Schools have welcomed this support although Covid measures have prevented many School Improvement Advisers (SIAs) being able to observe lessons and fully evaluate the work of the school. Support for vulnerable schools, has continued with leaders receiving heightened support and challenge as outlined in the school improvement framework.

### **Autumn term inspections from September 2021:**

6. Ofsted inspections resume the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with a newly updated [inspection handbook](#). The autumn term will be a mix of inspections of schools with all grades. Outstanding schools will be included but will not be the only ones to be inspected. Due to Covid, there is some lag in the usual timelines for inspection:

#### **Good schools**

- Have to be inspected every 5 years. Typically, they are inspected at end of year 4 with a section 8 inspection, if the school is good but declining it has about a year to work on the areas before a full section 5 inspection takes place, inside the 5-year limit. There is a temporary extension of up to 7 years instead of 5. Ofsted is hoping to catch up so there is no guarantee that schools will have the whole extra 6 'old' terms.

#### **Outstanding schools**

- The exemption to re-inspection has been lifted and these schools will be included in the routine inspections from September. If the school was judged outstanding before 1.9.15 then it will have a full section 5 inspection. If it was judged outstanding after 1.9.15 it will have a section 8 inspection. If it is thought to not still be outstanding it will be followed with a section 5 inspection 12 years later.

#### **Requires Improvement schools**

- Normally inspected 27 months after the report was published. As above, schools can expect the inspection to be up to 6 terms/2 years later than the expected date.

#### **New academy with new URN**

- Normally inspected up to 3 years after opening. Now, can expect the inspection to be up to 6 terms later than the expected date. Heavy emphasis on timescales being up to 6 months later but could be earlier.

#### **Transition statements**

- These were sentences in the good judgement which said that if the curriculum was being developed but not quite there, it wouldn't prevent a good grade, if schools could demonstrate that the process of curriculum development was well underway. This period of transition has been extended until March 22.

### **Conclusion**

7. In conclusion, as we return to the usual Ofsted inspection regime, we continue to have a key focus on supporting schools to raise standards and to be able to predict potential decline in standards and then act to support improvement.
8. The impact of Covid over the last 18 months on leaders, their ability to fully focus on school improvement, the absence of statutory assessment information, our ability to be able to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the school during this time and the potential risk that this could present for early detection of decline in performance is a risk we are aware of also for those receiving Ofsted inspections in coming months. Section 8 inspections over the past 6

months have been rigorous and positive in their outcomes, however we are not complacent that there will be schools who will benefit from intensive support to secure a good quality of education.

9. The school improvement framework 2021-22 is based on working collaboratively with school leaders to assess a school's current performance and to plan best use of SIA time to help rapidly address areas for development. We also have a thorough and targeted suite of CPD and support packages focused particularly on reading, phonics, disadvantaged learners and curriculum which will support schools with focusing upon key areas of development which have been impacted by the pandemic.

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