

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

July 2023 (data correct at 26/06/2023)

School Ofsted Judgements

Executive summary

1. This report is a regular update for the committee focused upon Ofsted inspections in Wiltshire schools. The report shows details of schools inspected **between April 2023 and June 2023** and provides updates on inspection judgements based on the inspection framework introduced in **September 2019** using the categories below:

- Overall effectiveness
- Quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Early years provision
- Sixth form provision

Update

2. The data is correct as of **26 June 2023** and shows the number of inspections per phase for the academic year 2022-2023 to date. Apart from the second half of the Autumn Term, the numbers per half-term average around 11 inspections:

Phase of Education	01 Sept – 31 Oct 2022	01 Nov – 31 Dec 2022	01 Jan - 28 Feb 2023	01 Mar – 17 April 2023	18 Apr – 31 May 2023	1 Jun– Current
Primary	6	25	10	9	11	4
Secondary/ Post-16	5	5	1	2	0	1
Special	0	0	0	0	0	0

Inspections explained

3. There has been a change since September 2022 from what had been defined previously as Section 8 and Section 5 inspections. The Ofsted handbook provides information about what are now graded, ungraded and urgent inspections of maintained schools and academies under sections 5 and 8 of the Education Act 2005.
4. Graded, ungraded and urgent inspections are all based on this handbook. Monitoring visits have a separate handbook. Please note that all inspection reports prior to September 2022 will have been classified as either a Section 8 or Section 5 but any post September 2022 should be seen in the context of graded and ungraded. All inspections referenced in this report will be graded or ungraded.
5. Graded inspections use the full Ofsted framework and will grade the school for its Overall Effectiveness and against the key judgements grade descriptors as described in the Executive Summary above.
6. Ungraded inspections focus on determining if the school remains at the same grade as the previous inspection. This does not result in a graded judgement. The key areas of focus in these inspections will be:
 - The Quality of Education and Safeguarding (as in a graded inspection)
 - Behaviour
 - Gaming and off-rolling
 - Pupils' wider development: breadth of curriculum (beyond academic, vocational or technical) / SMSC / careers provision (secondary schools)
 - Workload
7. Published inspection outcomes of all schools inspected since the last Children's Select Committee Report are contained below. Some of the Summer Term outcomes will be shared in the Autumn Term update report once the reports have been published.

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
Minety CE Primary School Minety Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	19/04/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
Coombe Bissett CE Primary Coombe Bissett Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	19/04/2023 Graded	RI (G)	RI	G	G	RI	RI	

Nursted Community Primary School Nursted Community Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	28/02/2023 Graded	RI (G)	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	G	
Woodlands Primary School Woodlands Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	17/05/2023 Graded	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Urchfont CE Primary School Urchfont Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	04/05/2023 Ungraded	G (G)							
St Nicholas CE Primary School, Porton St Nicholas Church of England Primary School, Porton - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	04/05/2023 Ungraded	G (G)							
Semley CE Primary School Semley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	04/05/2023 Ungraded	G (G)							
Zouch Academy Zouch Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	09/02/2023 Graded	G** (G)							
Heytesbury CE Primary School Heytesbury Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	09/02/2023 Ungraded	RI (G)	RI	G	G	RI	RI		

* There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. Inspectors are recommending the next inspection to be a graded inspection.

** There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, there is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if we were to carry out a graded (section 5) inspection now. The school's next inspection will be a graded inspection.

*** There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of outstanding as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. Inspectors are recommending the next inspection to be a graded inspection.

Schools inspected and awaiting published reports	Type
St Mary's Purton CE Primary School	Maintained
Bemerton St John CE Primary School	Academy
Chirton CE Academy	Academy
Clarendon Junior	Maintained
Longford CE Primary School	Maintained
Bulford St Leonard's CE Primary School	Academy
Bishop Canning's CE Primary School	Academy
Bitham Brook Primary School	Maintained
The Clarendon Academy	Academy

Table 1: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes January 2020 to Current – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire. Schools graded Good or Outstanding
External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
July 2023	88.3	85.6	81.5
May 2023	88.2	85.6	81.6
March 2023	88.2	85.4	83.2
January 2023	88.4	85.6	82.4
October 2022	87.7	84.3	81.5
May 2022	87.3	83.6	82
March 2022	87.1	83.4	81.6
January 2022	86.5	83.1	81.1
October 2021	86	82	81
January 2020	86	83	80

Table 2: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes October 2022 to Current – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire. Pupils attending Good or Outstanding schools. External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
July 2023	87.6	86.1	87.7
May 2023	87.4	86.1	87.9
March 2023	87.3	85.5	88.5
January 2023	87.5	85.7	88.4
October 2022	87.1	84.7	85.5

Table 3: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes. Profile of small schools based on Oct 22 census with less than 150 on roll v Wiltshire overall profile External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Less than 150 NOR	3	76	17	4
All schools	8	74	16	2

Table 4: Comparison table: OFSTED grades-maintained schools and academies in Wiltshire. (July 2023) External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All schools	8	74	16	2
Academy	7	68	20	5
Maintained	6	81	12	1

Table 5: Schools maintaining, improving and/or declining in Ofsted performance 01 September 2022 – 19 May 2023 (Published Reports)

	Improving	Maintaining/No change	Declining
All schools	10	53	9
All schools*	11*	43	18*

*Includes ungraded inspection recommendations for a Section 5 graded inspection

Table 6: Inspection outcome analysis – key common strengths and areas of development from March-May 2023 Published Inspection Reports

Previous reports have shown emerging themes from Wiltshire Ofsted inspections. The latest themes relate to the last set of published reports and cover both the Primary and Secondary phases. Although many of the themes remain the same, there are some new emergent themes that are beginning to come through some of the inspection reports. The caveat is always around the number of reports when considering trends and there have been a lower number in this reporting period.

	Strengths
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>Established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding including culture, systems and processes • Vision/ambition of school leaders • Mathematics planning and sequencing • Leaders prioritising reading • Curriculum breadth and curriculum intent • Extended learning opportunities and curriculum enrichment • Teacher workload • Overall pastoral support <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of character and cultural capital

	Areas of development
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>On-going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of essential knowledge in the foundation subjects and the sequencing of this • Assessment in the Foundation Subjects • Adaptive teaching to meet the needs of those pupils with SEND <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders ensuring that their systems improve pupils’ behaviour • Understanding what it means to be an effective subject leader for those new to middle leader positions • Staff changes impacting on the pace of improvement

This period reflects that of the previous period where outcomes in both the academy and maintained sectors have been mixed.

What is important, is that our own judgements and quality assurance with our maintained schools align with that of the inspectorate in the overwhelming majority of our schools; we are not seeing schools move to inadequate as we intervene early.

It should be noted that with Nursteed Primary School, the Local Authority and school challenged both the process and the outcome of the inspection. Although accepting the published report, our own evaluation of the school was more positive than the actual outcome. The appeal against the judgement and elements of the process thus delayed the publication of the report.

The good outcome at Woodlands Primary School is a positive from what was a requires improvement judgement previously and is a testament to the work that has been undertaken by the school and LA officers. Zouch Academy also received a

positive report outcome, with evidence that the school could be outstanding if receiving a graded inspection.

In terms of trends in the inspection reports, these broadly align with those from the previous Children's Select Report, though a trend around 'pupil behaviour' has been noted in two of the reports as an area for improvement.

As a Council we continue to share the latest Ofsted data and performance with all our school leaders through Heads and Governor briefings. We also provide updates through these sessions on the latest strengths and weaknesses that are coming through the reports and provide guidance and training to address specific areas of focus e.g. leadership/curriculum/SEND etc...

We have provided two Conferences in the last month for school leaders and governors in relation to Equalities and then Curriculum Development which have both been highlighted as areas for improvement in reports over the last twelve months. Uptake has been good and feedback – exceptionally positive.

It should be noted that nationally there have been some changes and proposed changes to the Ofsted Inspection process that are important sighting elected members on. We welcome these as a Council:

Inspecting Safeguarding:

- Inspectors will now return **within 3 months of an inspection report** to schools graded inadequate overall due to ineffective safeguarding, but where all other judgements were good or better.
- From September, they will offer schools **greater clarity** about the threshold for effective versus ineffective safeguarding through our inspection handbook, as well as regular blogs and webinars.

Complaints consultation:

Ofsted are proposing to:

- enhance on-site professional dialogue during inspections to help address any issues before the end of the inspection visit
- introduce a new opportunity for providers to contact Ofsted the day after an inspection if they have any unresolved concerns
- introduce new arrangements for finalising reports and consider formal challenges to inspection outcomes
- replace their current internal review process with a direct escalation to the [Independent Complaints Adjudication Service for Ofsted \(ICASO\)](#)

Please see link to the consultation: [Changes to Ofsted's post-inspection arrangements and complaints handling: proposals 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Conclusion

8. The percentage of Wiltshire schools with Good or Outstanding grades has plateaued during this reporting period, though the number of reports is more limited. School Effectiveness as a department will continue to work with maintained school and academy leaders to improve both the percentage of

Good or better schools and the percentage of students that attend good or better schools. We also welcome the changes and proposed changes that Ofsted have published.

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