

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

September 2023 (data correct at 22/08/2023)

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 July 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 **22 August 2023** and shows the number of inspections per phase for the academic year 2022-2023. The total number of inspections recorded for the academic year 2022-2023 is **88** with most half-terms recording 11 inspections with the exception of Autumn 2, which was 30 in total and Summer 2 which was 14. Over the year, across the Council area we have had approximately 1/3 of our schools inspected. Two special schools were inspected in the Summer Term, the only Specials to be inspected in the 2022-2023 academic year.

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– 31 Aug
Primary	6	25	10	9	11	10
Secondary/ Post-16	5	5	1	2	0	2
Special	0	0	0	0	0	2

Inspections explained

3. The Ofsted handbook provides information about 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 were classified as either a Section 8 or Section 5 but any post September 2022 should be seen in the context of graded and 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 reports will be shared once the outcomes have been published in the Autumn.

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
St Mary's CE VC Primary Purton St Mary's Church of England Primary School & Nursery, Purton - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	04/05/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						
Clarendon Junior School Clarendon Junior School (Clarendon Federation) - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	23/05/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G		
Bemerton St John CE VC Primary School Bemerton St John Church of England Primary - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	16/05/2023 Ungraded	G (G**)						

Chirton CE VC Primary School Chirton Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	17/05/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	O	G	G	
Longford CE VC Primary School Longford CofE (VC) Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	07/06/2023 Graded	RI (G)	RI	G	G	RI	G	
Lavington Secondary School Lavington School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	06/06/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						
Exeter House Special School Exeter House Special School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	13/06/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						

* 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
Bulford St Leonard's CE Primary School	Academy
Bishop Canning's CE Primary School	Academy
Bitham Brook Primary School	Maintained
The Clarendon Academy	Academy
Broad Town CE Primary School	Maintained
Rushall CE Primary School	Academy
Pembroke Park Primary Academy	Academy
Wellington Lions Primary Academy	Academy
Woodborough CE Primary School	Academy
Silverwood Special School	Maintained

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
August 2023	88.5	85.6	81.4
July 2023	88.5	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
August 2023	87.6	85.6	87.6
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 schools by phase that are Good or Outstanding: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
August 2023			
Special	Not available	Not available	100
Primary	90	86.7	79.5
Secondary	81.4	79.2	89.3

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	73	17	2
Academy	10	67	19	4
Maintained	6	80	13	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	59	10
All schools*	12*	48	19*

*Includes ungraded inspection recommendations for a Section 5 graded inspection

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

There have been less inspection outcomes published in the last round of reporting and therefore less detail can be written into the established and emerging strengths. It is positive to see through a few reports that diversity and equality is coming through as a strength as this had been highlighted as an area for development previously. There were a couple of reports which highlighted leaders being over generous in their own self-evaluation of impact and this is noted as an area for improvement.

	Strengths
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>Established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding is judged as being effective – positive comments in relation to safeguarding culture • Development of reading/love of reading/phonics • Extra-curricular opportunities <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of equality and diversity • PSHE curriculum

	Areas of development
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>On-going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the effective link between assessment information and teaching practice/pedagogy • Leaders identifying the precise subject knowledge they want pupils to know • Pupils’ application of knowledge <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over generous self-evaluation

Highlighted in this report, which hasn’t been shared in previous reports is the difference that there is between Primary and Secondary school performance, which is significant and sets a broader context. The Wiltshire Secondary School performance is above National and Regional data, but the Primary School performance is much lower and a cause for concern.

There remains a difference also between the maintained and academy sectors but there are caveats around Trusts taking on vulnerable schools which can impact on the overall data profile.

There are some Trusts that have 100% of their schools judged Good or better such as Equa and Excalibur but other trusts where performance is not as strong, for example DBAT and Magna Learning Partnership perform below the regional average.

Diocesan school performance at Good or better is also quite variable and to date, community schools currently show the strongest level of performance as shown in the table below, followed by Diocese of Bristol and then Diocese of Salisbury.

Diocese of Bristol	84%
Diocese of Clifton	58%
Diocese of Salisbury	79%
Maintained Community	90%

Conclusion

- 8. The percentage of Wiltshire schools with Good or Outstanding grades remains at a plateau having been at its highest point in March 2023 with then a decline over the following two months. The focus currently is around improving the performance in the primary sector, engaging with MATs as part of this process and the respective Diocese.

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