

## Wiltshire Council

### Children's Select Committee

6 June 2023 (data correct at 19/05/2023)

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## 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 January 2023 and May 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 **19 May 2023** and shows the number of inspections per phase for the academic year 2022-2023 to date:

Phase of Education	01 Sept – 31 Oct 2022	01 Nov – 31 Dec 2022	01 Jan - 28 Feb 2023	01 Mar – To Date
Primary	6	25	10	13
Secondary/Post-16	5	5	1	2
Special	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 in the Spring Term are collated below. The Summer Term outcomes will be shared in the Autumn Term update report.

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
<a href="#">Wootton Bassett Infant School</a> <a href="#">Wootton Bassett Infants' School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	24/01/2023 Graded	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	
<a href="#">St Martin's CE VA Primary School</a> <a href="#">St Martin's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	18/01/2023 Graded	I (RI)	I	I	RI	RI	I	

<a href="#">Ashton Keynes CE Primary School</a> <a href="#">Ashton Keynes Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	26/01/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	O	O	G	
<a href="#">Manor Fields Primary School including Resource Base</a> <a href="#">Salisbury, Manor Fields Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	03/02/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
<a href="#">The Avenue Primary School and Children's Centre</a> <a href="#">The Avenue Primary School and Children's Centre - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	17/01/2023 Ungraded	G* (G)						
<a href="#">Wylve Valley CE Primary School</a> <a href="#">Wylve Valley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	02/02/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						
<a href="#">Pewsey Vale Secondary School</a> <a href="#">Pewsey Vale School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	08/02/2023 Graded	RI (RI)	RI	G	G	RI		
<a href="#">Noremarsh Junior School</a> <a href="#">Noremarsh Junior School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	09/02/2023 Graded	RI (RI)	RI	G	RI	RI		
<a href="#">Holt CE Primary School</a> <a href="#">Holt Voluntary Controlled Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	09/02/2023 Ungraded	G* (G)						
<a href="#">St Nicholas CE Primary School Bromham</a> <a href="#">St Nicholas Church of England VC Primary School, Bromham - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	22/02/2023 Graded	RI (G)	RI	G	G	RI	RI	
<a href="#">Ramsbury CE Primary School</a> <a href="#">Ramsbury Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	09/02/2023 Graded	O (O)	O	O	O	O	O	
<a href="#">Avon Valley Academy</a> <a href="#">Avon Valley Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	21/02/2023 Graded	RI (RI)	RI	RI	RI	RI		
<a href="#">Sarum Academy</a> <a href="#">Sarum Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	22/02/2023 Ungraded	G (G)	G	G	G	G		
<a href="#">Southbroom Infant School</a> <a href="#">Southbroom Infants' School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	08/03/2023 Graded	RI (G)	RI	G	G	G	RI	

Colerne CE Primary School <a href="#">Colerne CofE Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	14/0/2023 Ungraded	G** (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Sutton Veny CE Primary School <a href="#">Sutton CofE VC Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	01/03/2023 Graded	G (O)	G	G	G	G	G	O	
Castle Mead Primary School <a href="#">Castle Mead School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	08/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School <a href="#">St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	08/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Netheravon All Saints CE Primary School <a href="#">Netheravon All Saints CofE Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	08/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Bradon Forest School <a href="#">Bradon Forest School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	01/03/2023 and 29/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G		
Chapmanslade CE Primary School <a href="#">Chapmanslade Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	22/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Ludgershall Castle Primary School <a href="#">Ludgershall Castle Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	22/03/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Easton Royal Academy <a href="#">Easton Royal Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Academy	22/03/2023 Ungraded	G (G)							
Preshute CE Primary School <a href="#">Preshute Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	Maintained	29/03/2023 Ungraded	O*** (O)							

\* 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
Zouch Academy	Academy (Spring)
Nursted Primary School	Maintained (Spring)
Heytesbury Primary School	Academy (Spring)
Minety Primary School	Maintained
Coombe Bissett Primary School	Maintained
Semley CE Primary School	Maintained
Urchfont CE Primary School	Maintained
St Mary's Purton CE Primary School	Maintained
St Nicholas Porton	Maintained
Bemerton St John CE Primary School	Academy
Chirton CE Academy	Academy
Woodlands Primary 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
May 2023	88.2	85.6	<b>81.6</b> ↓
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
May 2023	87.4	86.1	<b>87.9</b> ↓
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	2%	78%	16%	4%
All schools	7%	75%	15%	3%

**Table 4: Comparison table: OFSTED grades-maintained schools and academies in Wiltshire. (March 2023)**

External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All schools	8%	74%	16%	2%
Academy	10%	67%	19%	4%
Maintained	6%	82%	11%	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	9	50	8
All schools*	10*	40	17*

\*Includes ungraded inspection recommendations for a Section 5 graded inspection

**Table 6: Inspection outcome analysis – key common strengths and areas of development from the January-April 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.

	Strengths
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>Established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding including culture, systems and processes</li> <li>• Vision/ambition of school leaders</li> <li>• Mathematics planning and sequencing</li> <li>• Curriculum breadth and curriculum intent</li> <li>• Extended learning opportunities and curriculum enrichment</li> <li>• Teacher workload</li> <li>• Career pathways in Secondary schools</li> <li>• 6th form provision across the secondary phase</li> <li>• Overall pastoral support</li> <li>• Evidence of student leadership opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying is rare or is managed effectively</li> <li>• Benefits of some specialist provision in Primary</li> <li>• In many schools the prioritising of phonics and early reading</li> </ul>

	Areas of development
January – April 2023 Published Ofsted Report Analysis	<p>On-going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of essential knowledge in the wider curriculum and the sequencing of this</li> <li>• Assessment in Foundation Subjects</li> <li>• Writing not being developed well enough across the curriculum</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigour, ambition and curriculum implementation in the EYFS</li> <li>• The implementation of the school's approach to reading</li> <li>• Support for pupils who fall behind in phonics and reading</li> </ul> <p>Emerging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within lesson assessment for learning and responsive adaptive teaching</li> <li>• Attendance of SEND and disadvantaged pupils</li> <li>• Adaptive teaching for pupils with SEND and/or those who are disadvantaged</li> <li>• Implementation of an appropriate Personal Development curriculum</li> <li>• Governors holding leaders to account</li> </ul>
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As a Local Authority the period January to April 2023 has seen a more challenging profile in terms of Ofsted inspection outcomes but also in the approach taken by the inspectorate in a small minority of inspections.

The profile of good or better schools has declined slightly when compared to National with a small number of schools in both the Academy and Maintained sector moving down a grade boundary.

We have had one school, St Martin's CE Primary School in Salisbury that has been judged inadequate by Ofsted which is now subject to an academy order. The Local Authority is working with the school leadership team, the governing body and the Regional Director's team to secure the necessary improvements.

At the same time, we have seen Ramsbury CE Primary School, which is also the English Hub for Wiltshire maintain its outstanding judgement which is an achievement under the new framework. Alongside this, Colerne CE Primary School evidenced a strong trajectory and will receive a Section 5 at next inspection as there was some evidence to suggest the school could be outstanding. As a Local Authority we have now had 3 schools that have been given an outstanding judgement in the last 6 months.

We continue to see all schools maintain their judgement in our ungraded inspections, with no schools converting to a Section 5 on the day. We are though experiencing schools where the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded (section 5) inspection were to be carried out on the day. This then gives the school and either the MAT or the LA time to work with the school leadership team to secure the necessary improvements.

In terms of our maintained schools, although there has been a slight decline in the overall performance the judgements do correlate to our own evaluations of our schools, there is evidence that without our own robust processes for challenge and support, some of the graded judgements could have been different. In relation to academies, we do not have the same duties around school improvement so our ability to predict outcomes is therefore more restricted.

The themes and trends coming through inspections is noted above with no significant differences between the commentary for maintained schools and academies in terms of either strengths and areas for improvement.

The inspection period covered in this report witnessed the tragic death of Ruth Perry, Headteacher which made national headlines in the context of the Ofsted inspection at Caversham Primary School in Reading. As a Local Authority we have taken some time with our school leaders and academy partners to reflect on our own Ofsted experiences during the Spring Term as the tragedy did impact on the sector.

We have updated our training to provide further advice and guidance to schools on how to respond to concerns during an inspection process. We are also using more Heads, Governors and existing practitioners who have been through the inspection process to share their learning and experiences.

As a Council more broadly, 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... Our Inspection focused training is always well attended and includes support for Deep Dives and the initial 90 minute phone call.

## **Conclusion**

8. The percentage of Wiltshire schools with Good or Outstanding grades has declined during this reporting period. Alongside this, we have seen a greater proportion of schools that although retaining their judgement will be subject to a Section 5 at the next inspection because the judgement is likely to have moved down a grade boundary.  
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.

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