

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

25th February 2022 data correct at 18/05/2022)

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 schools inspected since January 2022 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. Data correct as of 18th May 2022. Since September 2021 there have been 37 inspections - 7 reports have not yet been published. One school received a monitoring visit.

Section 8 and Section 5 inspections explanation

3. When OFSTED has judged a school to be good, they will then return to the school about once every four years to confirm that the school remains good. This is called a section 8 inspection of a good or outstanding school, because it is conducted under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.
4. A section 5 inspection will take place 1-2 years after a section 8 inspection if OFSTED feel that the school might be outstanding or within 5 years of the previous section 5 inspection if they feel it might be requires improvement. If they have serious concerns about safeguarding, behaviour, or the quality of education, they will deem the section 8 inspection as a section 5 inspection immediately.
5. Previous OFSTED grades are in brackets

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
Redland Community Primary School Ofsted Redland Primary School	Maintained	19/01/2022 SECTION 8	G (G)						
Bowerhill Primary School Ofsted Bowerhill Primary School	Academy	01/02/2022 SECTION 5	RI (RI)	RI	G	G	RI	G	
Oasis Academy, Longmeadow Ofsted Oasis Academy Longmeadow	Academy	01/03/2022 SECTION 5	G (RI) ↑	G	G	G	G	G	
The Springfields Academy Ofsted The Springfields Academy	Academy	08/03/2022 SECTION 5	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
Southwick CofE Primary Ofsted Southwick Church of England Primary School	Maintained	16/03.2022 SECTION 8	G (G)						
New Close Primary Ofsted New Close Primary School	Academy	22/03/22 SECTION 5	G (I) ↑	G	G	G	G	G	
Amesbury CofE Primary Ofsted Amesbury Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	Maintained	29/03/22 SECTION 5	I (RI) ↓	I	I	RI	RI	I	RI
Hilperton Primary Not published on the OFSTED website yet	Maintained	05/04/22 SECTION 8	G (G)						

6. Amesbury CofE E school. This school had an extended period of instability in its leadership team. Prior to the inspection, a substantive headteacher was appointed. The new headteacher will be starting her post in July. LA support remains in place for 4 days a week as does the executive headteacher. An Interim Executive Board is now in place. The school is likely to join an Academy trust in September 2022.

School graded as Good or Outstanding

Table 1: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes October 2019 to Current – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire.

External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
Current	87.1	83.4	81.6
October 2021	86	82	81
July 2021	86	82	81
January 2020	86	83	80
October 2019	96	93	80

The percentage of schools graded good or better has improved both in the Southwest (+ 1.4%) and England (1.1%) and by 0.6% in Wiltshire. Targeted support for schools' due inspection has been implemented to ensure that our maintained schools are well prepared for their next inspection, with a view to improving on this percentage. All schools are offered 'OFSTED' preparation professional development meetings and HMI support sessions.

Table 2: Published Ofsted outcomes for Wiltshire schools, by OFSTED grade. Compare to the SW and National

External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	G or O	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
England	87.1%	16.4%	70.7%	9.6%	3.2%
South West	83.4%	13.9%	69.5%	12.1%	4.5%
Wiltshire	81.6%	9.6%	71.9%	14.9%	3.5%%

The break down of OFSTED grades shows that Wiltshire currently has less inadequate schools than the South West, but broadly in line with National. However we have more schools requiring improvement than both the South West and Nationally. In Wiltshire we currently have 3 schools with an academy order, however two have been reinspected before converting and are now requires improvement, the third has received a recent monitoring visit and is taking effective action with LA support.

Wiltshire has more Good schools than the South West and England, however we have significantly less Outstanding schools. The new inspection framework makes an Outstanding grade more challenging to receive than under previous frameworks. It will be interesting to see what % of schools remain Outstanding following reinspection. Some Outstanding schools have not been inspected since 2008. Wiltshire currently has 18 primary schools graded as outstanding and 4 secondary schools.

Conclusion

7. Although the outcome of the inspection of Amesbury CofE primary is disappointing, the currently unpublished reports do illustrate that LA support

for maintained schools has been effective. Targeted support has focussed on making rapid improvements to secure good outcomes. Schools identified as 'in the OFSTED window' are being invited to additional funded professional development session (all schools). Maintained schools are receiving additional support targeted to support development rapidly to they are well prepared for the inspection.

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