

School Ofsted Judgements

1. This report is a regular update for the committee focused on Ofsted inspections since the last meeting.

Update

2. The Summer term 2021 has continued to see the resumption of onsite section 8 inspections, again for schools judged as inadequate, those with two consecutive requires improvement judgements (RI), where there are significant safeguarding concerns, as well as the addition of inspecting schools currently judged as good whose last inspection is now outside the 5 year statutory window (17 schools in Wiltshire). Since the previous report to Children's Select Committee on 25/05/2021 there have been a further 5 section 8 inspections and 1 section 5.

Summer term inspections:

3. Full, onsite Section 8s began on 4th May 2021 to ensure schools are taking effective action towards being graded as good as their next section 5 inspection. Current Ofsted grades will not be changed.
4. Other schools that may be visited include:
 - a) inadequate and double requires improvement, these inspections will be onsite under Covid safe measures.
 - b) Inadequate and double requires improvement that have improved could convert to a full inspection if deemed appropriate
 - c) 'good' schools that have not been inspected within 5-year window (17 in Wiltshire)
 - d) 'outstanding' that request and inspection
 - e) where significant concerns are raised

School	School phase	Type	Section 8	Current Ofsted grade
Amesbury Archer Primary	pri	Main	09-10/06/2021 (section 5)	3
Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop Primary	pri	Main	11/05/2021	3
Christ The King Catholic, Amesbury	pri	Main	26-27/05/2021	4

School	School phase	Type	Section 8	Current Ofsted grade
Holbrook Primary	pri	Main		2
Lyneham Primary	pri	Main	25/05/2021	3
Marden Vale School	pri	Academy	10-11/06/2021	4
St Martin's Primary	pri	Main	05/05/2021	3
St Mary's R.C. Primary, Chippenham	pri	Main	18-19/05/2021	4
Wellington Lions Primary Academy	pri	Academy	07/05/2021	3
Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CofE VA Primary	pri	Academy	17/06/2021	2
Sherston Primary School	pri	Main	24/06/2021	2

Overall trends from Wiltshire inspections during this period

5. All Section 8 inspections to date have found schools to be taking effective action

Strengths identified:

- a) Behaviour around school and in class – attitudes to learning
- b) Reading being prioritised, lots of focus on effective phonics for all and vulnerable pupils to catch up
- c) Parent and pupil voice for school response to learning in lockdown, content of curriculum
- d) Curriculum – content and subject leaders' impact on taught content
- e) Governing body support and challenge
- f) Local authority support for improvement

Areas for focus:

- a) Knowing impact of curriculum
- b) Subject leaders understanding and confidence with the curriculum
- c) Subject leaders' subject knowledge and their understanding of what makes an effective curriculum
- d) Governors understanding of an effective curriculum and how to challenge leaders around this

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