Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

15 March 2022

School Ofsted Judgements

Executive summary

- This report is a regular update for the committee focused upon Ofsted inspections in Wiltshire schools. It shows all schools inspected since September 2021 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. Since September 2021 there have been 28 inspections - 1 of which was deferred twice and has not yet been inspected. Another school had a single deferral and has since been inspected. 23 reports have been published to date. 12 academies and 16 maintained schools have been inspected.

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 carried out 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. 23 reports have now been published (links below), schools inspected since the previous report are identified by "NEW".
- 6. 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
Studley Green Primary School Ofsted Studley Green Primary School	Maintained	14/09/21 SECTION 5	G ↑ (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	n/a
St Thomas A Beckett Ofsted St Thomas à Becket Church of England Aided Primary School	Maintained	22/09/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
Alderbury and West Grimstead Ofsted Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School	Maintained	28/09/2021 SECTION 5	RI (RI)	RI	G	G	RI	G	
St John's C of E Primary, Warminster Ofsted St John's CofE School	Academy	05/10/2021 SECTION 5	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Christ the King Catholic Primary, Amesbury Ofsted Christ The King Catholic School, Amesbury	Maintained	06/10/2021 SECTION 5	RI (I)	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	
Nursteed Community Primary Ofsted Nursteed Community Primary School	Maintained	02/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
Holy Trinity C of E Primary, Calne Ofsted Holy Trinity Church of England Academy	Academy	03/22/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
Kings Lodge Community (maintained) Ofsted Kings Lodge Primary School	Maintained	03/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
St Sampson's Primary Ofsted St Sampson's Church of England Primary School	Maintained	09/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
Harnham Junior School Ofsted Harnham Church of England Controlled Junior School	Maintained	09/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						

NEW St Augustine's Catholic and Technology College Ofsted St Augustine's Catholic College	Academy	10/11/2021 SECTION 5	RI (O)	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
NEW Bradon Forest Ofsted Bradon Forest School	Academy	10/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
NEW Wansdyke Community school Ofsted Wansdyke School	Academy	17/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
NEW Burbage Primary Ofsted Burbage Primary School	Academy	17/11/2021 SECTION 5	G ♠ (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	
NEW Lyneham Primary School Ofsted Lyneham Primary School	Maintained	23/11/2021 SECTION 5	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	
NEW Horningsham Primary Ofsted Horningsham Primary School	Maintained	25/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
NEW Christian Malford Primary Ofsted Christian Malford CofE Primary School	Academy	25/11/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
NEW Lacock Primary School Ofsted Lacock Church of England Primary School	Maintained	01/12/2021 SECTION 5	RI (G)	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	
NEW Frogwell Primary Ofsted Frogwell Primary School	Maintained	01/12/2021 SECTION 5	RI (G)	RI	G	G	RI	G	
NEW Whitesheet CofE Primary Ofsted Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy	Academy	02/12/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						
NEW St Katherine's CofE Primary Ofsted St Katharine's CofE Primary School	Academy	07/12/2021 SECTION 8	G (na)						
NEW North Bradley CofE Primary Ofsted North Bradley CofE Primary School	Maintained	08/12/2021 SECTION 8	G (G)						

NEW Ivy Iane Primary Ofsted Ivy Lane Primary School	Academy	12/01/2022 SECTION 8	G (na)						
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7. **Lyneham Primary School** received a positive report, with all areas being judged as good. The report identifies the leadership at all levels, including governance, with a particular focus on wellbeing and safeguarding

'Leaders are tenacious in their pursuit of support for the school's most vulnerable pupils. They are not afraid to escalate concerns should they be unhappy with the response from an external service.'

Next steps are for the school to continue to develop its curriculum. The school has received extensive support through the school improvement framework.

8. Lacock Primary School was identified as requiring intensive support during the last academic year. An interim head teacher has been in place since June 2021. The report recognises the recent 'turbulence' within the leadership team. The interim headteacher has had a clear focus on safeguarding effectiveness and wellbeing – both of which are positively reflected in the report. This was an area of weakness identified and supported by the school effectiveness team.

'Leaders have created a culture of vigilance. They have increased staff knowledge of how to keep pupils safe. Recent training and new procedures have enabled staff to know how to report and record their concerns relating to pupils' safety.'

There was also a positive response from the parental body and staff reported that they feel well supported by the interim head teacher and governing body.

- 9. Frogwell Primary School Although the school received a judgement of requires improvement, the report rightly identifies many positives. The school is judged to be good for behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and early years provision. OFSTED identified development needs in leadership and management, specifically in governance and curriculum leadership. This is being rapidly addressed and monitored, and rapidly improved through support from their school improvement advisor and regional excellence and improvement lead. Again, safeguarding was identified as an area for development which was supported by the school effectiveness team.
- 10. St Augustine's Catholic College was previously judged to be outstanding before it converted to an Academy. It had been exempt from inspection until November 2020. It is a standalone academy.
- 11. **Burbage Primary** school moved from requires improvement to good which is positive. It is part of the Excalibur Academies Trust
- 12. All other schools have remained the same.

School graded as Good or Outstanding

13. Table 1: Published Ofsted outcomes for Wiltshire schools, by school type. Tracked since August 2020

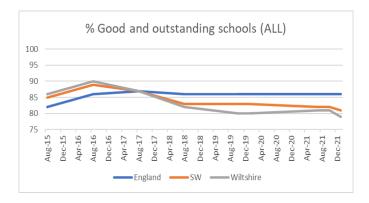
	Р	rimary	Se	econdary	,	Special		Schools
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Outstanding	18	8.9	4	13.3	0	0.0	22	9.3
Good	143	70.8	20	66.7	2	50.0	165	69.9
Requires Improvement	30	14.9	6	20.0	0	0.0	36	15.3
Inadequate	7	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	3.0
Not yet inspected (U)	4	2.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	6	2.5
All	202	100.0	30	100.0	4	100.0	236	100.0
Outstanding or Good (current)	161	79.7	24	80.0	2	50.0*	187	79.2
Outstanding or Good 31 Aug 21	160	79.2	25	83.3	2	50.0*	187	79.2
Outstanding or Good 31 Aug 20	159	78.7	25	80.6	4	66.7	188	78.7

Special school data is reflected by the amalgamation of schools into Silverwood school. Two special schools have not been inspected. The two that have been inspected are good.

14. Table 2: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes October 2019 to January 2022 – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire

Source: External data - Ofsted Management <u>State funded school inspections</u> and outcomes: management information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Table 3 - Source: Ofsted Management Information							
Good and outstanding schools (ALL) (%)	England SW Wiltshire						
Jan-22	86	81	79				
Oct-21	86	82	81				
Jul-21	86	82	81				
Jan-20	86	83	80				
Oct-19	86	83	80				



Wiltshire's recent inspection reports have led to a 2% decline in Good and Outstanding schools. Data overall for National remains static, the Southwest has declined by 1%.

15. Recent inspections of maintained schools have shown that schools identified for targeted or intensive support have been accurate. These schools have

been supported by the school effectiveness team. Unfortunately, Covid continued to limit the schools' ability to make rapid progress against their school improvement priorities. Staff absence was a huge issue during terms 2 and 3 slowing the ability of school leaders to prioritise improvements.

- 16. The 2 maintained schools moving from Good to requires improvement (Lacock and Frogwell) continue to receive targeted support to continue this journey with a view to being judged as good at the next inspection. Frogwell school has made positive improvements since September, and this is reflected in the report. Again, targeted support continues to address the issues identified in the report.
- 17. All schools due to be inspected have been invited to 'preparing for Ofsted' training, this has been widely appreciated with positive feedback from school leaders. This course has been repeated throughout terms 2 and 3 and will continue to be offered for head teachers and chairs of governors. HMI have delivered training to headteachers of outstanding schools, and those aiming for outstanding due to the changes within the inspection framework. Again, this has been positively received. A focus on curriculum leadership has been offered to all maintained schools through their school improvement advisor advisors have received training themselves. Safeguarding effectiveness checks have been completed for all maintained schools.

Conclusion

- 18. Staff absence has limited school improvement activity, especially during terms 2 and 3. It is hoped that with the changes to restrictions, face to face support can resume, however we need to be mindful that potential staff absences may continue to have a negative impact.
- 19. A recent survey has been sent to all maintained schools, this is still open at the time of writing, however from the 62 responses collected so far, the vast majority have been positive. This survey will be analysed in more detail and reported on in due course. It will be used to form the basis of the school improvement offer moving forward. It does however show that maintained schools continue to feel that the school effectiveness team have a positive impact of their ability to drive school improvement within their schools.

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