



Ofsted Updates April 2018

Since September 2017, inspection outcomes published in Essex for Primary Schools have been as follows:

7 category 3 schools became category 2 schools
5 category 4 schools became category 2 schools
1 category 4 school became a category 3 school

76 category 2 schools remained as category 2 schools
3 category 3 schools remained as category 3 schools
1 category 1 school remained a category 1 school

8 category 2 schools became category 3 schools
1 category 3 school became a category 4 school
1 category 1 school became a category 4 school
1 category 1 school became a category 2 school
1 category 2 school became a category 4 school

This means that of the 105 schools identified, 13 schools improved their Ofsted grading, 80 remained the same and 12 declined.

Please click on the links in blue below to access documents, video clips or power point presentations.

Ofsted School Inspection Handbook

Updated 8 March 2018

Guidance for inspecting schools under the common inspection framework. Paragraph 17 has been amended to clarify the position for inspecting exempt schools. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

Ofsted School Inspection Newsletter

Ofsted 8 March 2018

This update for inspectors contains information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools. : <https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/u>

[ploads/attachment_data/file/686219/School_inspection_up date_March_2018.pdf](#)

In this edition of SIU, which you will find in the link above, Ofsted provide:

- clarification on inspecting 'non-exempt' schools and 'exempt' schools
- guidance on gathering data from schools and completing evidence forms
- guidance on inspecting schools designated as having a religious character
- clarification of the 'coasting' definition and middle schools
- information on:

- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils
- the careers statutory guidance for schools
- the revised teacher assessment frameworks for 2018/19.

Revised teacher assessment frameworks for 2018/19

The DfE has published revised statutory teacher assessment frameworks for English reading, mathematics and science for key stage 1, and English writing and science for key stage 2. They are for use from the 2018/19 academic year onwards.

Following last year's public consultation on primary assessment, schools will not be required to conduct statutory teacher assessment in English reading and mathematics at the end of KS2 from the 2018/19 academic year onwards. Consequently, there will be no statutory frameworks for these subjects at KS2 from the 2018/19 academic year.

- The statutory guidance for teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage 1 is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1.

- The statutory guidance for teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage 2 is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2.

Ofsted have updated their **IDSR guidance** for revised/amended data on [GOV.UK: .ow.ly/Vlxy30iWu9l](#) - this includes revised standard deviations by prior attainment [#IDSR](#) 15 March 2017

This guide also gives an overview of the data contained in the inspection data summary report (IDSR) for primary and secondary schools and information to assist in interpreting the charts.

Amanda Speilman's speech at the ASCL Conference [#ASCL2018 .ow.ly/FMxR30iTH42](#) 12 March 2018

The following are some quotes from her speech;

'We have redesigned inspection data reports to reduce the likelihood of over-interpretation. We have trained our inspectors to know what inferences they can and cannot draw from the data' [@amanda_spielman](#) speaks at [#ASCL2018](#)
[ow.ly/FMxR30iTH42](#)

'There was a presumption that a school should be graded inadequate if after two RI outcomes a third inspection did not show that it had improved to good. Instead, we are letting inspectors use discretion to judge a school as it stands' [@amanda_spielman](#)
[ow.ly/unZh30iTGR4](#)

"Triple marking, 10 page lesson plans, and, worst of all, Mocksteds are a distraction from the core purpose of education" says [@amanda_spielman](#) [#ascl2018](#)

"The curriculum - which should lie at the heart of educational thinking - has come second to the pressures of accountability and performance tables for too long" says [@amanda_spielman](#) [#ascl2018](#)



Essex secondary headteachers'...

Slides 1-8 in this slideshare powerpoint from Ofsted give useful information about how inspectors inspect safeguarding and some information about inspectors in Essex.

Absence rates by gender, age and free school meal status

Department for Education- Updated:15 March 2018

This analysis has been undertaken by the DFE looking at absence rates of pupils by gender, age and free school meal status. This is useful data to compare your own attendance rates against.

Short inspection explained - a webinar

16 Mar 2018

An Ofsted webinar for schools in the East of England

'Short inspection explained' [ow.ly/p3l630j4vpa](#) is aimed at schools to help leaders understand the recent changes to inspection, and work to reduce the workload demands on schools.



Sean Harford, Ofsted's National Director for Education's Blog 24 March 2018

What's an inspection judgement based on? In this blog post, [ow.ly/gtnv30j4DoT](https://www.gov.uk/government/blogs/sean-harford) Sean Harford says, 'we consider how well schools reflect and act on their strengths and weaknesses. We directly observe what's going on in classrooms.'

Ofsted's safeguarding policy and guidance for inspectors on handling safeguarding disclosures

Updated 8 March 2018

This document reflects Ofsted's current strategy, and added guidance for inspectors.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-safeguarding-policy>

Damian Hinds sets out plans to help tackle teacher workload

10 March 2018- Damian Hinds, Secretary of State for Education

Speaking to more than 1,000 heads and teachers at the Association of School and College Leaders' (ASCL) annual conference in Birmingham, the Secretary of State has said that his "top priority" is making sure teaching continues to be regarded as "one of the most rewarding jobs you can do". Improving workload will be at the heart of this.

Belita Scott on what questions governors might be asked by inspectors ...



This 4 minute clip published in 2016 is really useful for governors to watch. Stop the video after each question for a quick discussion.
Belita Scott is Ofsted's lead on governance.

Schools causing concern

On 9 February 2018, the DfE updated the statutory guidance on local authorities' and regional schools commissioners' responsibilities relating to schools causing concern, to clarify the indicators that are taken into account for warning notices.

The guidance is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-causing-concern-2.