



## Updates from Ofsted and the DFE July 2023

**Since September 2022, inspection outcomes published in Essex For Primary Schools have been as follows:**

100 schools that were category 2 schools remained as category 2 schools

4 schools that were category 4 schools remained as category 4 schools

5 schools that were category 1 schools remained as category 1 schools

10 schools that were category 3 schools are now category 2 schools

1 school that was a category 4 school is now a category 2 school

1 school that was a category 2 school is now a category 1 school

4 schools that were category 1 schools are now category 2 schools

2 schools that were category 3 schools are now category 4 schools

5 schools that were category 2 schools are now category 3 schools

2 schools that were category 2 schools are now category 4 schools

1 school that was a category 1 school is now a category 4 school

This means that of the 135 schools identified 109 remained the same, 12 improved and 14 declined.

*Please click on the links below to access documents.*

### **When will my school be inspected? - Ofsted blog**

12 June 2023- Lee Owston, Deputy Director, Schools and Education

This blog will clarify when schools can expect their next inspection. It states,

Normally:

- A school judged outstanding or good will usually be inspected within the 4 academic years following its last inspection.
- A school judged requires improvement or inadequate will usually be inspected within two and a half years.

However, the picture is currently a bit more complicated, for several reasons, including:

- the pause to inspections during the pandemic meant that we have extended the period for many schools
- the government lifted the inspection exemption for outstanding schools; this added 3,000 schools to our schedule, many of which have not been inspected for a decade or more
- the government has also asked us to inspect every school at least once before August 2025

This means that the gaps between inspections may be different for your school.

The blog in the link above will give you an indication of when your next inspection is likely to be.

## **[How are Ofsted inspections changing? - The Education Hub](#)**

[GOV.UK blogs](#)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk> › [2023/06/12](#) › [how...](#)

12 Jun 2023 - DFE blog

The blog in the link above from the DFE tells you everything you need to know about the changes made by Ofsted.

## **[Changes made to school inspections](#)**

[GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.gov.uk> › [government](#) › [news](#) › [changes-...](#)

12 June 2023- Ofsted Press Release

Changes to inspection processes, a revised complaints procedure and new wellbeing investment from government, are part of a package of measures being announced.

Revisions to school inspections will see inspectors return more quickly to schools graded inadequate where this is only due to ineffective safeguarding, and proposed changes to Ofsted's complaints process will increase transparency and make it easier for schools to raise concerns.

The Department for Education (DfE) already funds the charity Education Support, to provide wellbeing help for school leaders, and that programme will now be doubled in size to support an additional 500 heads by March 2024. In the longer term, the DfE commits to further expand its mental health and wellbeing offer beyond March 2024.

## **[Keeping children safe in education](#)**

[GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.gov.uk> › ... › [Safeguarding pupils](#)

Updated 6 June 2023

Added statutory guidance on keeping children safe in education for 2023. This is for information only and does not come into force until 1 September 2023.

## **[School inspection data summary report \(IDSR\) guide](#)**

[GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.gov.uk> › [guidance](#) › [school-inspection-da...](#)

The following updates have been added

7 June 2023

We have updated the inspection data summary report (IDSR) for all schools. The main changes includes the 16 to 18 final 2022 data, including the updated retention measure. We also updated the trust/local authority level information section to include the most recent inspection outcome (graded or ungraded) based on latest URN for trusts only.

4 May 2023

We have updated the inspection data summary report (IDSR) for all schools. The following data has been updated: Key stage 4 - final, Key stage 2 – final (including the multiplication tables check) and absence data – 3 terms.

## **[Government to match schools' tutoring costs next year - GOV.UK](#)**

[GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.gov.uk> › [Education, training and skills](#)

23 May 2023- DFE

The Government will be raising the subsidy rate for the National Tutoring Programme to 50% in 2023-24

The DfE have published [new guidance about delivering tutoring next year](#). This is alongside information on the amount of funding each school will receive and a calculator tool to support schools to plan tutoring for next year.

## Ofsted's webinars for schools - summer season

GOV.UK blogs

<https://educationinspection.blog.gov.uk> › 2023/06/08

8 Jun 2023- Ofsted Webinars

So far this year we've hosted webinars looking at:

- [EIF inspections: seeing the big picture](#)
- [Secondary pupils who need to catch up with reading](#)
- [Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence](#)

Each webinar is available on YouTube if you missed them. We also publish the slides from the sessions on our [SlideShare channel](#).

This summer we'll be running webinars on:

- Curriculum and subject leadership (28 Jun, 4-5pm)- Now available on YouTube
- Early years in schools (3 Jul, 4-5pm)

In the first webinar, we'll look at how subject leaders are involved in Ofsted inspections. We'll also explore the evidence we gather on deep dives, the findings from our recent curriculum research reviews and share insights from our subject leads.

In the second, we'll discuss communication and language and what inspectors look at including the use of phonics and early reading. We'll explore what a reading deep dive is and share what we understand from inspection about the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on children's learning and development.

Please sign up for either or both sessions at this link: <https://bit.ly/OfstedWebinars>.

## Get help with flexible working in schools

GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk> › [guidance](#) › [get-help-with-flexibl...](#)

27 June 2023 – DfE

Flexible working ambassador multi-academy trusts and schools (FWAMS) have been appointed by DfE to support school leaders in implementing and embedding flexible working in their schools.

FWAMS can offer advice on topics such as:

- designing a flexible working policy
- flexible hiring
- overcoming common challenges such as:
  - timetabling
  - budgeting

FWAMS can offer bespoke support to:

- multi-academy trusts (MATs)
- mainstream primary schools
- mainstream secondary schools

- special schools
- alternative provision settings and pupil referral units

In the link above you will find the details of the appointed FWAMS, along with their specialism or region.

Training for senior leaders and teachers

Capita Business Services Limited are contracted to oversee delivery of the DfE flexible working programme from 2023 to 2025.

They are working with the ambassador schools and MATs to deliver a programme aimed at supporting schools and trusts to implement flexible working practices. As part of this, they will deliver a national programme of free workshops and webinars. These will cover topics such as:

- the benefits of flexible working
- co-headship and applying and working as a job share
- supporting equality of opportunity and diversity through flexible working
- overcoming barriers to flexible working

You can find out more or book a place on a training webinar at Capita's [flexible working in education website](#).

## [Senior mental health lead training](#)

GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health...>

Updated 26 June 2023- DFE

Updated the list of DfE assured senior mental health lead training courses.

## [Education staff wellbeing charter](#)

GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-staff-well...>

10 May 2023- DFE

The education staff wellbeing charter is a declaration of support for, and a set of commitments, to the wellbeing mental health of everyone working in education.

The charter is for education staff in England. This includes temporary and support staff. All state-funded schools and colleges are invited to sign up to the charter as a shared commitment to protect, promote and enhance the wellbeing of their staff.

Sign-up is voluntary and there is no deadline.

Use the charter to:

- show staff that you take their wellbeing seriously
- open a conversation with staff about their wellbeing and mental health
- create a staff wellbeing strategy
- create a wellbeing-focused culture







