



Updates from Ofsted and the DFE May 2023

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

4 schools that were category 1 schools remained as category 1 schools
67 schools that were category 2 schools remained as category 2 schools
2 schools that were category 4 schools remained as category 4 schools

7 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
2 schools that were category 3 schools are now category 2 schools

4 schools that were category 1 schools are now category 2 schools
2 schools that were category 3 schools are now category 4 schools
3 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 95 schools identified 73 remained the same, 10 improved and 12 declined.

Please click on the links below to access documents.

[Trusts an integral part of school inspections](#)

25 April 2023 – Ofsted- Press release

Ofsted has published a report exploring multi-academy trusts' responsibilities and how their work is evaluated during inspections (see below).

Ofsted Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman, said:

'School trusts are an integral part of the education landscape, with some running dozens of schools. They oversee all aspects of schools' work and often turn around some very challenging situations.'

'The inspectors and trust leaders we spoke to highlighted that inspection only of individual schools does not hold the trust sufficiently accountable, or credit the trust enough for its work.'

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- [How multi-academy trusts are involved in school inspections](#)

This report explores multi-academy trusts' responsibilities and how Ofsted evaluate their work in inspections of their schools. It presents a picture of how inspectors and trust leaders view the role of the trust in the school inspection system.

[Handling strike action in schools](#)

Guidance on what to do when school staff go on strike.

Information for governing bodies; headteachers; school leaders; school staff. It applies to: local-authority-maintained schools; academies and free schools.

Updated: 17 April 2023 - DFE

This update provides further information on prioritising pupils, the law on industrial action and picketing, providing free school meals to eligible pupils and calculating pay deductions for part time workers.

[What maintained schools must publish online](#)

Updated 25 April 2023- DFE

A section has been added on collecting and publishing governing board diversity data.

'Collecting and publishing governing board diversity data' information should be widely accessible to members of the school community and the public.

[What academies, free schools and colleges must or should publish online](#)

Updated 17 April 2023- DFE

A section has been added on collecting and publishing trust board diversity data.

[Pupil premium](#)

The following updates have been added;

14 April 2023

Updated 'Pupil premium: overview' to remove information on the 2022-23 rates and payment schedule.

30 March 2023

'Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders' has been updated.

'Pupil premium: overview' has been updated with information for the academic year 2023 to 2024.

16 December 2022

The updated 'Pupil premium: overview' now includes pupil premium rates for the financial year 2023 to 2024.

The pupil premium strategy statements below have not been updated but have been included for your information

[Pupil premium strategy statement template](#)

[Example pupil premium strategy statement \(primary\)](#)

[Recovery premium funding](#)

Updated 30 March 2023- DFE

Additional funding to support schools with education recovery following COVID-19.

'Recovery premium funding' has been updated with information for the academic years 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024.

Funding rates for academic year 2023/24 Recovery premium allocations for academic year 2023/24 will be calculated on a per pupil basis, based on the following rates.

In mainstream education, the rates are:

- £145 per eligible pupil in primary schools
- £276 per eligible pupil in secondary schools

The higher rate for secondary schools reflects:

- evidence that the pandemic has had a greater impact on the education of these pupils
- that these pupils have less time remaining in school

For other eligible schools, including special education units in mainstream schools, the rates are double the mainstream rates:

- £290 per pupil in primary education
- £552 per pupil in secondary education

A minimum payment that we refer to as a 'floor' has been included to ensure that:

- an eligible primary school will not receive less than £2,000
- an eligible secondary, or all-through school, will not receive less than £6,000

To be eligible for the floor, schools must have at least 1 pupil registered on the October 2022 school census (for mainstream and special schools) or the January 2023 school census (for PRUs and AP providers).

Recovery premium for academic year 2023/24 will be paid in 4 instalments.

National Tutoring Programme funding

Updated 20 April 2023- DFE

Information for state-funded schools and independent special schools on funding allocations, how to use the funding and how to report on tutoring.

'In the 2023 to 2024 academic year schools may use the NTP grant to cover a maximum of 25% of the cost of tutoring, subject to any other applicable funding rules. Funding allocations for the 2023 to 2024 academic year will be published in 2023.

As the subsidy reduces schools and academy trusts will need to factor in increasing contributions to NTP tuition from other budget sources such as pupil premium funding.'

A section on 'National Tutoring Programme performance statistics' has been added.

Art and design

Ofsted Youtube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Ofstednews>

15 April 2023- Adam Vincent- HMI-Art and Design

A short 2.20 minute video explaining why art and design education is important and what good art and design teaching should include.

[Ofsted's podcast, 'Ofsted Talks'](#)

An Ofsted podcast with some of the discussions and questions and answers about the Art and Design Research review.

[Research review series: art and design](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/res...>

Published 22 February 2023- Ofsted

This review explores some factors that contribute to a high-quality art education.

Early education entitlements and funding

Published 22 March 2023- DFE

This document summarises the 2023 Spring Budget announcement on early years entitlements and sets out further details around funding.

The new entitlements will be introduced in phases:

- from April 2024, all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week
- from September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 15 hours per week
- from September 2025, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 30 hours free childcare per week

The budget also announced additional funding of £204 million from this September rising to £288 million next year (financial year 2024 to 2025) to increase the funding paid to nurseries for the existing free hours offers. This investment will allow the national average rate for local

authorities for 2-year olds to increase by 30% from the current national average rate of £6 per hour to around £8 per hour from September 2023. The national average 3 to 4 year old rate for local authorities will rise in line with inflation from the current national average rate of £5.29 per hour to over £5.50 per hour from September 2023.

