



Updates from Ofsted and the DFE September 2025

Please click on the links below to access documents.

Education inspection framework: for use from November ...

Updated 9 September 2025

Inspectors and schools will use the 'school inspection toolkit' to discuss the quality of provision on inspection. The toolkits for each education remit are available here:

- [registered early years provision](#)
- [maintained schools and academies](#)
- [non-association independent schools](#)
- [further education and skills](#)

Please see links below to find booking forms for webinars from Ofsted about the main changes to the framework. These webinars will also be available on Ofsted Youtube.

Ofsted confirms changes to education inspection and ...

Ofsted Press release- 9 September 2025- Ofsted

This press release from Ofsted includes very useful Youtube videos of example report cards.

Glossary: education inspection terminology

Updated 9 September 2025- Ofsted

This glossary explains the terms used in Ofsted's inspection information and guidance.

[Education inspection framework: engagement programme](#)

Published 10 July 2025, Updated 13 August 2025- Ofsted

From September 2025, providers can attend live webinars from Ofsted that set out the main changes to education inspections starting in November 2025.

The programme of webinars for early years, schools, further education and skills and initial teacher education settings will be recorded and available on the Ofsted [YouTube channel](#).

Regional events will run throughout the autumn term.

Read more in Ofsted's [engagement programme press release](#).

How to book onto an event

Follow the link on the event date below to reach the relevant booking page, or book through the link at the top of this section.

Nurseries, pre-schools and other registered early years settings

- Tuesday 16 September 2025: 6pm to 7pm (full)
- [Thursday 18 September 2025: 6pm to 7pm](#) (new date added)

Maintained nursery schools

[Tuesday 23 September 2025: 4pm to 5pm](#)

State-funded primary schools

- Tuesday 16 September 2025: 4pm to 5pm (full)
- Thursday 2 October 2025: 4pm to 5pm (full)
- [Wednesday 15 October 2025: 4pm to 5pm](#)

State-funded secondary schools

[Wednesday 17 September 2025: 4pm to 5pm](#)

Special schools

[Thursday 25 September 2025: 4pm to 5pm](#)

ITE providers who offer any or all phases of initial teacher education

[Monday 22 September 2025: 4pm to 5pm](#)

Sign up to the DFE's New Writing Framework webinar

In July, [new guidance](#) was published on teaching writing from reception to the end of KS2. On Tuesday 30 September, the DFE are running a [webinar](#) for leaders to support schools to plan their next steps on writing – sign up now to secure your place.

English Hubs will run further webinars for English leads and teachers. Contact your local English Hub for details. Read more about the framework in the DFE [literacy edition](#).

Get ready for the National Year of Reading 2026 by [registering your support online](#). Schools will receive further updates shortly.

[Key stage 2 attainment \(provisional\): 2025](#)

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[Getting it right from the start](#) - Podcast episode from Ofsted in which colleagues from the National Day Nurseries Association join Kiran Singh, Research and Evaluation Lead, and Wendy Ratcliff, Principal Officer, Early Education, to discuss Ofsted's [report](#) into the importance of the first 2 years of a child's life.

Keeping children safe in education 2025

Published - 1 September 2025 — DFE

This guidance replaces Keeping children safe in education September 2024 version. A table of changes is included at Annex F. Page 184

Children missing education

Updated 8 September 2025- DFE

The DFE have updated the statutory guidance. The update aims to address inconsistencies in practice and add clarity, including on schools and local authorities working together to identify and support children missing education. The document is now issued as statutory for schools as well as local authorities. Existing legislation already requires schools to carry out these responsibilities. They have also added a summary of responsibilities, and a policy and procedure checklist.

[Relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education](#)

[GOV.UK](#)

<https://www.gov.uk> > [Society and culture](#) > [Online safety](#)

Updated 15 July 2025- DFE

Added revised guidance on 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education' which will come into force 1 September 2026.

Holding onto talent: flexible working and retention in early years settings

Run by Capita on behalf of the DFE.

Join us for a one-hour session exploring staff retention in early years education. Designed for Headteachers, Senior Leaders, and Nursery Managers, this webinar sheds light on current retention figures and the realities—both rewarding and challenging—of working in early years settings.

Drawing on successful practices and the Flexible Working Toolkit, we'll share actionable strategies and confront common misconceptions around flexible working – including potential barriers such as funding, staffing and timetabling.

You'll leave with fresh perspectives and practical tips to help embed flexible working practices across your team, making your setting a more sustainable and supportive place for staff to thrive.

Headteachers, Senior Leaders, and Nursery Managers

08/10/25 at 10:00

Online

[Book course](#)

Flexible opportunities for school support staff

Run by Capita on behalf of the DFE

Discover how embracing a flexible working culture can transform your school's ability to attract and retain exceptional support staff. This one-hour session provides practical guidance, inspiration, and real-life stories to help schools embed more inclusive, responsive working practices. A live panel will share their experiences and wellbeing benefits of flexible working.

School leaders, trust leaders, and support staff

16/10/25 at 11:00

Online

[Book course](#)

Flexible working and (peri)menopause: thriving as a teacher.

Run by Capita on behalf of the DFE.

This one-hour session explores how flexible working can support teachers during (peri)menopause and improve their retention. You'll gain insight from recent research, learn about flexible options beyond part-time, and hear real-life case studies.

Discover how flexible working is a right for all, why it matters during life transitions, and how schools can foster inclusive, stigma-free practices. Trusted resources and actionable strategies will be signposted.

Teachers, senior leaders, HR professionals, policy makers

12/11/25 at 11:00

Online

[Book course](#)

Leading Flexible Working Across Multi-Academy Trusts

Run by Capita on behalf of the DFE.

This practical 90-minute session supports CEOs and HR leaders in developing trust-wide flexible working strategies. Learn how to embed a consistent, school-level approach through culture change, strategic planning tools, and proven frameworks. Featuring real-world examples from Flexible Working Ambassador Multi-Academy Trusts, the session offers hands-on guidance to start shaping your own strategy with clarity and confidence.

Trust leaders including CEOs and HR Leads

03/12/25 at 12:00

Online

[Book course](#)

Updated Gatsby Benchmarks for careers guidance

This September, the DFE are encouraging all secondary schools to use the updated Gatsby Benchmarks for career programmes. The updated [statutory guidance](#) promotes a collaborative whole-school approach, where senior leaders champion careers and every teacher helps students see how their subjects connect to future work. Visit the [Gatsby's champions hub](#) for examples of school success stories.

The Careers & Enterprise Company has been supporting schools to prepare for the changes and provides implementation resources. More information is available on their [Resource Directory](#).