

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

December 2023 (data correct at 31/12/2023)

School Ofsted Judgements

1. This report is a regular update for the **Children's Select Committee** and is focused upon Ofsted inspections in Wiltshire schools.
2. The report shows details of schools inspected **in the Autumn Term of 2023**. It 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

3. The data is correct as of **31 December 2023** and shows the number of inspections per phase for the academic year 2022-2023 (Table 1) and the inspections to date for the Autumn Term 2023 (Table 2) to provide a comparison:

Table 1

Phase of Education	01 Sept – 31 Oct 2022	01 Nov – 31 Dec 2022	01 Jan - 28 Feb 2023	01 Mar – 17 April 2023	18 Apr – 31 May 2023	1 Jun– 31 Aug 2023
Primary	6	25	10	9	11	10
Secondary/ Post-16	5	5	1	2	0	2
Special	0	0	0	0	0	2

Table 2

Phase of Education	01 Sept – 31 Oct 2023	01 Nov – 31 Dec 2023	01 Jan - 28 Feb 2024	01 Mar – 17 April 2024	18 Apr – 31 May 2024	1 Jun– 31 Aug 2024
Primary	5	13				
Secondary/ Post-16	0	1				
Special	0	0				

Inspections explained

4. A change took place in September 2022 from what had been defined previously as Section 8 and Section 5 inspections with the revised Ofsted handbook providing information about what are now termed **graded**, **ungraded** and **urgent inspections** of maintained schools and academies under sections 5 and 8 of the Education Act 2005.
5. Graded inspections use the full Ofsted framework and will grade the school for its Overall Effectiveness and against the key judgements grade descriptors as described in the Executive Summary above; this has remained unchanged from September 2022.
6. Ungraded inspections focus on determining if the school remains at the same grade as the previous inspection. This does not result in a graded judgement. The key areas of focus in these inspections will be:
 - The Quality of Education and Safeguarding (as in a graded inspection)
 - Behaviour
 - Gaming and off-rolling
 - Pupils' wider development: breadth of curriculum (beyond academic, vocational or technical) / SMSC / careers provision (secondary schools)
 - Workload
7. Published inspection outcomes of all schools inspected in the Autumn Term 2023, are collated below.

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
2023-2023 Academic year									
Oaksey CE Primary School Oaksey CofE Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	28/09/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
Marden Vale CE Primary School Marden Vale CofE Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	19/09/2023 Graded	RI (RI)	RI	G	RI	RI	RI	
Bitham Brook Primary School **** Bitham Brook Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	21/06/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
Durrington CE Junior School Durrington Junior School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	01/11/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						
Dilton Marsh CE Primary School Dilton Marsh CofE Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	01/11/2023 Graded	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	
Sutton Benger CE Primary School Sutton Benger Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	02/11/2023 Graded	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	
King's Gate Primary School***** King's Gate Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	08/11/2023 Graded	G	G	G	G	G	G	
Hardenhuish Secondary School Hardenhuish School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	01/11/2023 Ungraded	G (G)						
St George;s Catholic School – Warminster St George's Catholic Primary School, Warminster - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Maintained	08/11/2023 Graded	RI (RI)	RI	G	G	RI	RI	
West Ashton CE Primary School West Ashton Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	15/11/2023 Graded	G (RI)	G	G	G	G	G	

Seagry CE Primary School Seagry Church of England Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted	Academy	15/11/2023 Graded	G (G)	G	G	G	G	G	
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* There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. Inspectors are recommending the next inspection to be a graded inspection.

** There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of good as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, there is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if we were to carry out a graded (section 5) inspection now. The school's next inspection will be a graded inspection.

*** There has been no change to this school's overall judgement of outstanding as a result of this ungraded (section 8) inspection. However, the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. Inspectors are recommending the next inspection to be a graded inspection.

**** The school was inspected in the 2022-2023 academic year, there was a delay in the report being published.

***** This school is newly opened, so there are no previous published inspections for this school and no predecessor school.

Please note that *, ** and *** are not relevant in the context of this report.

Schools inspected and awaiting published reports	Type
St Michael's Primary School - Aldbourne	Maintained Primary
Fynamore Primary School	Maintained Primary
Ogbourne CE Primary School	Academy Primary
Christian Malford CE Primary School	Academy Primary
Whiteparish All Saints CE Primary School	Maintained Primary
Princecroft Primary School	Maintained Primary

Table 1: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes October 2021 to Current – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire. Schools graded Good or Outstanding
 External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
December 2023	89.2	86.8	83.0 ↑
October 2023	88.8	86.2	81.7
May 2023	88.2	85.6	81.6
March 2023	88.2	85.4	83.2
January 2023	88.4	85.6	82.4
October 2022	87.7	84.3	81.5
May 2022	87.3	83.6	82
March 2022	87.1	83.4	81.6
January 2022	86.5	83.1	81.1
October 2021	86	82	81

Table 2: Ofsted Inspection Outcomes October 2022 to Current – National, Southwest Region and Wiltshire. Pupils attending Good or Outstanding schools.

External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	England	SW	Wiltshire
December 2023	88.4	87.0	89.3 ↑
October 2023	88.1	86.2	88.7
May 2023	87.4	86.1	87.9
March 2023	87.3	85.5	88.5
January 2023	87.5	85.7	88.4
October 2022	87.1	84.7	85.5

Table 3: Comparison table: OFSTED grades-maintained schools and academies in Wiltshire. (December 2023)

External data: NCER Primary and secondary schools.

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All schools	8	76	14	2
Academy	8	69	18	5
Maintained	6	82	11	1

Table 4: Schools maintaining, improving and/or declining in Ofsted performance 31 December 2023 (2023-2024 Academic year to date – cumulative)

	Improving	Maintaining/No change	Declining
All schools	3	18	0
All schools*	3	18	0

*Includes ungraded inspection recommendations for a Section 5 graded inspection

Table 5: School Ofsted performance by phase – December 2023

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Primary	7	75	15	3
Secondary	14	76	10	0
Special	0	100	0	0

Table 6: Inspection outcome analysis – key common strengths and areas of development from the Autumn Term 2023 Ofsted Published Inspection Reports

The overall profile for inspections undertaken in the Autumn Term has been a positive one, with schools either maintaining or improving their Ofsted grading which is encouraging. Both in the Academy and the Maintained sector, there has been no judgement that has been less than Requires Improvement and there is confidence that in both sectors, this will remain the same.

Other schools to note, that are not included in the above school information sections are those that have received a monitoring visit due to their inspection grade. We are pleased that both St Martin’s CE VA School and Pembroke Park Primary School were both judged as making effective progress following a previous inadequate inspection alongside Westbury Leigh CE VC Primary School; with the joined up work being recognised between the Academy Partner and the Local Authority in this context.

As a Local Authority it is also worth recognising the positive feedback that we as a Council have had in our knowledge of all our schools, whether maintained or academy with the following comment from Paul Williams (Senior HMI) following an Ofsted Education Engagement meeting: ‘We discussed those schools in your local authority that have been placed in a category of concern at their most recent inspection. We also considered schools that find themselves in particularly challenging circumstances... it was clear that your officers have a detailed understanding of the issues in those schools’

As a School Effectiveness team, we continue to know our schools extremely well, which is a credit to the professionals working with individual schools. This enables us to be both proactive and responsive in our work – whether at Trust or maintained school level.

The tables below show the consistently identified strengths and areas for improvement from all the inspections that have taken place in the Autumn Term. Please note there are some individual areas for improvement in each inspection report that is published but the information below highlights trends.

	Strengths (Common themes)
Autumn Term 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding systems, processes and culture • Phonics and reading, including an enjoyment of reading • Curriculum breadth and curriculum intent • Curriculum enrichment • Overall pastoral support • Student behaviour and attitudes

	Areas of development (Common themes)
Autumn Term 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of writing • Inconsistency in assessment procedures • In some subjects, schools not identifying the important content it wants pupils to know

Conclusion

8. The overall profile of school Ofsted performance has shown an improvement in the Autumn Term. Further, there are no indications as yet, of those inspected that have yet to receive a published report, that this profile will change. In summary, we are expecting to see a further increase in the number of schools that are Requires Improvement receiving a Good judgement, closing the gap against National and the South-West in terms of the number of schools that are Good or better.



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