

School inspection update: academic year 2018 to 2019

Documents

Details

The November edition, the first since the roll-out of the [education inspection framework \(EIF\)](#), focuses on the minor changes to section 5 and section 8 handbooks following the first two months under EIF. A summary of the changes is included and the edition also includes information on the release of key stage 4 checking data.

The July edition provides a single point of reference for any policy matters relating to the new framework not covered by the EIF school inspection handbooks published in May. Information in this edition replaces or reiterates all previous guidance in earlier editions.

The March edition clarifies a number of areas, such as summary evaluations of multi-academy trusts (MATs), how inspectors should treat safeguarding concerns from questionnaires, inspection timings and Ofsted's process for publishing reports for schools that have closed.

The January school inspection update was launched together with a [consultation on Ofsted's education inspection framework \(EIF\) 2019](#). Part 1 explains why we believe there is a need for a new framework at this point in the improvement journey of England's education sector; it also summarises the theory and evidence underpinning the development of the EIF 2019. Parts 2 and 3 focus on some of the main features that inspectors will look at within the proposed framework. Part 4 summarises how we propose to go about gathering evidence and reporting to users.

The November edition includes our approach to unlawful segregation, an update on electronic evidence gathering during school inspections and links to new or recently updated guidance.

The September edition focuses on the reformed 9 to 1 GCSEs. We also provide an update on floor standards and coasting schools, guidance on off-rolling in schools, clarification on conducting inspections in schools that are part of multi-academy trusts, guidance on in-school cadet units, and information on Ofsted's new inspection reports website.

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1. 1 November 2019 Added the November 2019 edition of the school inspection update.
2. 8 July 2019 Added July 2019 update.

3. 14 March 2019 Added the March 2019 edition of school inspection update.
4. 16 January 2019 Added a special edition of the school inspection update about Ofsted's new education inspection framework for 2019.
5. 20 November 2018 Added School inspection update: November 2018.
6. 20 September 2018 First published.