

Education Improvement & Partnerships Service Updates

October 2021



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Staffing Updates

Education Advisors:

- Welcome to Michael Hawkins – Secondary Lead Advisor
- Wendy Todd – Lead Primary Advisor
- Jacqueline Laver – Primary Advisor (2 days)



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Update on Categories

Four-Tier School Support Model of Categorisation				
	Self-Improving	Watch Schools	Targeted	Intensive
Education Advisor	Support available over the phone/ remotely for individual queries or concerns	1 day per term	1 day per half-term	2 days per half term
CTG	x	x	Termly	Termly
Support & Scrutiny	x	x	Annually with Director of Education & HoEI&P	Annually with Director of Education HoEI&P to attend last CTG of each half term
Brokering Support	x	✓	✓	✓
Headteacher Recruitment	LA to shortlist and attend interviews	LA to shortlist and attend interviews	LA to shortlist and attend interviews	LA to shortlist and attend interviews
Pre-Ofsted Visits	1 day EA support	✓ Within allocated EA time		
Health Check	Health check every two years	Health check every two years	Health check every two years	Health check every two years
Ofsted Complaints	Investigations conducted by EAs	Investigations conducted by EAs	Investigations conducted by EAs	Investigations conducted by EAs
Finance Support	x	Termly budget monitoring meetings with HoEIP, EA & Finance Manager (this will be 0.5 days per term out of the day per term allocation)	x	x



Challenge & Task Group Meetings

- Intensive & Targeted Schools
- Termly
- Schools to provide an update on:
 - Attendance report
 - Behaviour report
 - Safeguarding report
 - Quality of teaching & learning
 - Staffing
 - COVID update
















Governance Briefings

Events 2021-22

All Governors	Tuesday 5th Oct 2021	5pm - 7pm
All Clerks	Tuesday 22nd March 2022	10am - 11am



Sessions 2021-22

Axis Briefing for Governors	
Domestic Abuse	
Early Years Foundation Stage	
Elective Home Education	
Exclusions	
Governors Training on Financial Roles & Responsibilities	
Introduction to School Admissions	
Procurement training	
Safeguarding	
Safer Recruitment for Governors	
School Attendance and Children Missing Education	
School Improvement	
SEND & Inclusion	



Early Years Reforms

- Reception Baseline now statutory Sept 2021
- Moderation for Early Years no longer statutory
- Communication & Language Project



Ofsted Updates



The timing of inspection

A key change is how the pandemic will affect the **timing** of inspection.

- The requirement for schools to be inspected every five years was paused in March 2020.
- When the requirement comes back in September, this window will be extended to **seven years**.
- Schools can expect their first inspection since the pandemic began to be **up to six terms later** than it would have been before the pandemic.
- Once a school has been inspected, its next inspection will be according to normal timescales (for example, a good school will be inspected about four years later).



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Inspecting outstanding schools

- Previously exempt **outstanding** schools last inspected before **September 2015** will all receive a section 5 inspection.
- This also applies to **academy converter schools** that were formerly exempt because the overall effectiveness of their predecessor school was outstanding at its most recent s5.
- Those last inspected under s5 after September 2015 will receive an initial **s8 inspection**.
- If an initial s8 indicates that outstanding performance may not have been maintained, we will normally carry out a s5 within the next academic year or as soon as possible thereafter and, in any event, before 1 August 2027.
- All formerly exempt schools must receive an initial inspection under s5 or s8 before **1 August 2026**.



Queries

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