

Website Ofsted update Autumn term 2017.

Changes to inspection are minimal but significant.

1. In the Section 5 handbook, paragraph 29, there is a section where myths are busted.

Ofsted does not:

- Look for a particular style of planning, teaching or assessment
- Expect individual lesson plans
- Expect self-evaluation to be graded or presented in a particular format
- Grade individual lessons
- Expect leaders to undertake a particular number of observations across the year
- Require leaders to provide pay grades for teachers being observed
- Expect to see a specified amount or type of work in pupils' books
- Look for a particular form of marking and feedback
- Limit the range of evidence used in inspection
- Intentionally add to workload
- Require schools to predict outcomes
- Routinely check personnel files unless there are concerns about safeguarding

2. Governance

- There is no requirement for MATs to maintain single central records for all staff. Each should maintain their own. The trustees should be included on the SCR for the MAT
- For academies, inspectors must meet with those directly responsible for management and governance; the CEO as well as the head of school are invited to attend the final team meeting
- The lead inspector can have a telephone call with the Chair of Governors if needed
- All those responsible for governance need to know the outcome of the inspection as soon as possible; they must then keep the outcome confidential until the school has received the final report

3. Triple RI

If a school has two judgements of RI under the current 2015 Framework, and if leaders can show a reliable upward trend in performance, they may well be judged RI for a third time; there may be monitoring inspection visits from HMI; the school will have a full inspection within two years of the third RI judgement

4. The Section 8 handbook reflects the outcomes of the recent consultation on short inspections.

If a Section 8 inspection converts to a Section 5 inspection, day two will be within seven working days (previously within 48 hours). If an HMI leads a Section 8 inspection, that HMI will remain as lead for the full inspection. If an Ofsted inspector leads the Section 8 inspection, s/he may or may not lead the full inspection.

Keeping Children Safe in Education remains unchanged.