

Frequently asked questions

Is the current Ofsted framework really that different?

Yes. There have been four inspection frameworks since 2005, each demanding more to achieve good and outstanding judgements, in the pursuit of increasing standards.

Discussing the current framework, Ofsted's director of education, Chris Russell, said that this inspection framework has made the "outstanding" grade more "challenging and exacting." Amanda Spielman, then Head of Ofsted noted that this framework will result in the number of schools graded "outstanding" reduce.

We are fortunate that we are already bridging the delta and that the refinements the school is already making will support an excellent outcome, when we are next inspected.

How many schools are judged Outstanding?

As a result of the revised framework, the percentage of primary schools achieving outstanding has dropped to 8%, (compared to 18% in 2008/9, when the school was last inspected)

How many previously outstanding schools have retained an Outstanding judgement since routine inspections were reintroduced?

14% of previously outstanding primary schools have retained the Outstanding judgement.

Is the school still as good it was?

Governors believe that the school is in the strongest position it has been in for some time, with an ambitious curriculum, a dedicated team and an excellent co-curricular offer.