

Estyn, the education and training inspectorate for Wales, is a Crown body, established under the Education Act 1992. It is independent of the National Assembly for Wales, but funded by the Welsh Government. We inspect quality and standards in schools, colleges, local authority education services and other areas.

All education and training providers will be inspected at least once during the 7 year period which began 1 September 2016. Schools, independent specialist colleges, pupil referral units and work-based learning providers receive 3 weeks' written notice of inspection, local government education services receive 10 weeks' notice and all other sectors (non-maintained nurseries, further education, initial teacher education and training and Welsh for adults) receive 4 weeks' notice.

Common inspection framework for schools and work-based learning

This framework applies to primary schools, secondary schools, all-age schools, maintained special schools, pupil referral units, independent schools, independent special schools, independent specialist colleges and work-based learning providers.



The judgements

Excellent Very strong, sustained performance and practice.	Good Strong features, although minor aspects may require improvement.	Adequate and needs improvement Strengths outweigh weaknesses, but important aspects require improvement.	Unsatisfactory and needs urgent improvement Important weaknesses outweigh strengths.
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Further education and non-maintained nursery settings continue to be inspected using the 2010 Common inspection framework



The judgements

Excellent Many strengths, including significant examples of sector-leading practice.	Good Many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement.	Adequate Strengths outweigh areas for improvement.	Unsatisfactory Important areas for improvement outweigh strengths.
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Estyn is currently reviewing the inspection arrangements for initial teacher education and training, local government education services, further education, adult learning and Welsh for adults.

Inspection follow-up

This depends on factors such as the judgements awarded and the areas requiring improvement. The table below shows the different types of 'follow-up'.

	School	Non-maintained	Post-16**	Work-based learning
Local authority monitoring		X		
Estyn review	X			X
Estyn monitoring		X	X	
Focussed improvement		X		
Significant improvement*	X			
Special measures*	X			
Re-inspection			X	X

Follow-up arrangements for Local Government Education Services are in development. *denotes a statutory category ** except work-based learning providers

Inspection arrangements: the duration and the team

Non-maintained settings No. of days: 1 Lead: RGNI/HMI No. of inspectors: 1	Independent No. of days: 3-3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-7	Work-based learning No. of days: 6 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 11
Primary No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI/RGI No. of inspectors: 3-6	Independent special No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-4	Welsh for adults No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 5
Secondary No. of days: 3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 6-8	Independent specialist colleges No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-4	Youth Offending Teams No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI Probation No. of inspectors: 1
Special No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 4-6	Further education No. of days: 8 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 15- 24	All-age No. of days: 3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 7-10
Pupil Referral Units No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 4-5	Prison No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI Prisons No. of inspectors: 4	Local Government education services Under review
Adult learning Under review	Initial teacher education and training Under review	

± +1 Ofsted HMI if 10 or more learners are funded by English placing (excludes Independent specialist colleges)

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