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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted's Renewed Inspection Framework

I wanted to write to explain how Ofsted's renewed inspection framework affects schools this year and what it means for us at Oxted School. Our last inspection was in February 2022, so we are within the 'inspection window' soon.

What's changing?

From November 2025, Ofsted inspections are reported through a new report card rather than a single overall grade. Schools are evaluated across several areas (curriculum and teaching; leadership and governance; attendance and behaviour; personal development and wellbeing; inclusion; Sixth Form), with a separate safeguarding outcome of 'met' or 'not met'.

Each area receives one of five grades:

- Exceptional
- Strong standard
- Expected standard
- Needs attention or
- Urgent improvement

This change follows the government's decision to remove single-word overall judgements (such as 'Good' or 'Outstanding') from September 2024, in favour of more detailed information for families

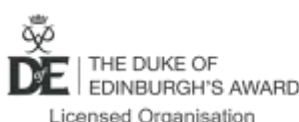
The new framework is designed to raise standards and provide a more nuanced picture, something we welcome here at Oxted School. As a result, it will be common and entirely normal for schools' report cards to show a blend of 'Expected standard' and 'Needs attention' across different areas, with 'Exceptional' and 'Urgent improvement' used more sparingly.

How you can share your views

Parents and carers will be invited to share feedback via Ofsted Parent View. Your responses help inspectors understand and celebrate families' experiences and inform their questions when they visit. Your feedback, and sharing of positive experiences, where deserved, is an opportunity to show your support and strengthens confidence in us as a school.

Oxted School's Focus

We will prepare thoroughly so that we meet or exceed expectations in each area when we are next inspected. At the same time, and most importantly, our core priority remains unchanged: doing what is best for the children in our care every day.



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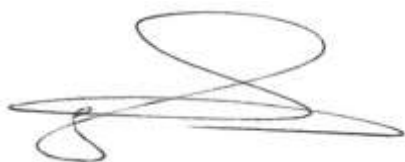
When we know more

We will keep you updated on the timing of our next inspection and any opportunities for you to contribute. Ofsted has published guidance and FAQs about how the renewed approach works and when schools can expect inspection under the new model, which you may find helpful.

- *Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades* [gov.uk guidance](#)
- *School inspections: frequently asked questions* [Ofsted Education Inspection blog – FAQs](#)
- *Education inspection framework (for use from November 2025)* [Full framework on GOV.UK](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr M M J Devenney
Principal