

We're the education and training inspectorate for Wales. As a Crown body, we were established under the Education Act 1992 and we're 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. We'll inspect all education and training providers at least once during the **7 year period that began 1 September 2016**.

We give three weeks' notice of inspection, except for local government education services (10 weeks' notice), initial teacher education (8 weeks' notice) and non-maintained nursery settings (two weeks notice).

Common inspection framework

The common inspection framework is used for all inspections of education and training providers in Wales, except for Local Government Education Services (LGES) and non-maintained nursery settings.



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.

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	LGES
Estyn review	X		X	X	
Progress review		X			
Focussed improvement		X			
Significant improvement*	X				
Special measures*	X				
Re-inspection			X	X	
Causing significant concern					X

*denotes a statutory category ** except work-based learning providers

Media enquiries

We are happy to assist and will provide a spokesperson if one is available. However, we don't comment on:

- Individual inspections or reports which could compromise the fairness of our work
- political matters

We will not disclose inspection findings before publication

Resources

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Inspection arrangements: the duration and the team

Non-maintained settings* No. of days: 1.5 Lead: RGNI/HMI/CIW inspector No. of inspectors: 2	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: 3-9
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 No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 7-9
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)

* Joint inspection with Care Inspectorate Wales

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