



27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer

We received notice from Estyn yesterday that our school will be inspected from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

As part of the inspection process, Estyn would like views from parents/carers of pupils in our school. Please therefore, use the link below to complete a parent/carer survey.

Survey link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KIMZ5P/>

In addition, Estyn also wish to hold a meeting with Parents on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. The following agenda will be discussed, which will include any issues identified from the above survey:

1. How happy and safe your child is at school
2. How well the school communicates with you, asks for your views and addresses any concerns that you have
3. The effectiveness of teaching and the progress your child makes
4. How well the school uses homework to extend your child's learning
5. How well the school keeps parents informed about the progress your child is making
6. The range of the curriculum offer, for example opportunities to be creative or to develop physical skills
7. How effectively the school encourages positive attitudes to learning, such as self-assessment, collaboration and perseverance
8. The part parents/carers and the community play in the life of the school
9. The support and guidance available to pupils, for example those with special needs
10. The extent to which the school promotes its safeguarding culture, including how well it promotes equality, diversity, anti-bullying and respect for others
11. Other issues identified by the lead inspector e.g., from the analysis of the parent/carer and pupil questionnaires

If you would like to attend the evening, please complete this form so we can ensure there is sufficient seating available: <https://forms.office.com/r/WHK1RgbEGU>

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Lastly, we have included information below that Estyn have asked us to pass on, which explains the Inspection process.

Kind Regards,

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# Understanding inspections in schools: A guide for parents and carers

Estyn is responsible for inspecting a wide range of education and training provision in Wales, and will soon be inspecting your child's school.

## How do inspectors take account of my views of the school?

Estyn wants to know your views on the school. You can do this by:

- **completing an online questionnaire** via the direct link or QR code provided by the school. The questionnaire is the easiest way of making inspectors aware of your views.
- **attending a meeting with inspectors.** The school will inform you of the date and time.

## How will an inspection benefit my child?

An inspection tells you about the standards and quality at your child's school. It gives the school an expert view on its work, outlining what it does well and helps it to improve.

## Who inspects the school?

The inspection team is led by a Reporting Inspector who has considerable experience of teaching and education. Each inspection team also includes a lay inspector and a peer inspector. Lay inspectors have not worked as teachers in a school, while peer inspectors are headteachers or managers from another school. Each school may nominate someone to liaise directly with the inspection team to keep the inspectors informed about the school and its work.

## How will the school be inspected?

Inspectors follow the guidance set out in these two documents: [What We Inspect](#); [How We Inspect](#)

## How will inspectors take account of my child's view of the school?

During the inspection, inspectors will ask groups of children how they feel about the school, their work and how well they are getting on. All learners from Year 3 and above will have the opportunity to complete an online questionnaire before the inspection.

## How will I know the inspectors' views on the school?

Inspection reports are published on the Estyn website 45 working days after the start of the inspection. The governing body will also send you details of the report.

## What will be included within the report?

The report will have overall evaluations on:

- learning, well-being and attitudes to learning
- teaching and learning experiences
- care, support and guidance
- leadership and management

## What happens after an inspection?

All schools must produce an action plan based on the recommendations in the inspection report.

The inspection team will consider and report whether the school requires any follow-up activity. The three types of follow-up activity are:

**Special measures:** this is the most intensive level of statutory follow-up. It involves a small team of Estyn inspectors making regular visits to review the school's progress following the publication of the inspection report

**Significant improvement:** involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school to monitor progress about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

**Estyn review:** this is the lightest touch of follow-up, as it is not statutory. It involves reviewing the progress the school has made towards addressing the recommendations highlighted in the report about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

## How can I contact Estyn?

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