Information about Ofsted for primary and secondary qualified teacher status trainees and newly qualified teachers

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The purpose of these materials

- To provide information about Ofsted and its inspection remits
- To provide information on the common inspection framework and school inspections
- To alert trainees and former trainees to Ofsted’s work on myth-busting
- To identify other useful sources of information that Ofsted provides
Information about Ofsted

- **Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills**
- Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people, and services providing education and skills for learners of all ages
- Ofsted is led by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector (HMCI)
- HMCI reports directly to parliament
- Ofsted reports ‘without fear or favour’, meaning all findings are independent of government
The remits that Ofsted inspects

- Inspection and regulation of early years
- Inspection of initial training for schools, FE and EY ITT
- Inspection of all maintained and some independent schools
- Inspection and regulation of children’s social care
- Inspection of academies, including free schools
- Local area SEND inspections
- Further Education and Skills inspections

Information about Ofsted for primary and secondary QTS trainees and NQTs
Raising standards, improving lives

Ofsted’s reach

About 1 in 3 people come into contact with the services we inspect and regulate

1.5 million childcare places are provided to benefit children

Over 8 million children are in school

Over 500,000 referrals are made to children’s services each year

Nearly 3.6 million 16+ benefit from publicly funded courses
The common inspection framework

- In 2015, Ofsted published the common inspection framework (CIF)
- It brings together the inspection of different education, skills and early years settings to provide greater coherence
- It sets out the way in which inspection is carried out
- The CIF is accompanied by guidance for inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills and 5 handbooks including the school inspection handbook
- Handbooks are published to provide detailed guidance about what will happen during each type of inspection
The common grading scale for all inspection judgements

- A common grading scale is used in making judgements for inspections:
  - Grade 1 outstanding
  - Grade 2 good
  - Grade 3 requires improvement
  - Grade 4 inadequate
What to expect on inspection

- Schools are usually given half a day’s notice of an inspection
- Full inspections do not normally last longer than two days
- Short inspections of good schools normally last for one day
- The size of the inspection team will vary according to the size and nature of the school
- Inspectors will spend most of their time gathering first-hand evidence to inform judgements
- Inspections are carried out by professionals with extensive teaching and leadership experience and often by serving headteachers/school leaders who work part time for Ofsted
Inspection reports

Following an inspection the lead inspector produces a report, which is quality assured and published on Ofsted’s website.
Myth-busting

- ‘Clarification for schools’ document published in 2014 in response to sector feedback about teachers feeling overwhelmed by the need to do ‘what Ofsted want to see’
- This is now included as a section in the school inspection handbook, pages 9-11
- It explains what inspectors do and do not ‘expect’ to see during school inspections
Schools’ myth-busting materials

- Mythbuster and inspection handbook
- Blogs from Ofsted on busting myths
- Slides from Ofsted on inspections and myths
- Videos from Ofsted on mythbusting
If you want to find out more, search for #Ofstedmyths www.twitter.com/Ofstednews
Ofsted and the DfE: reducing teacher workload

- The DfE published in February 2017:
  - the first biennial teacher workload survey
  - the DfE’s action plan and protocol
  - pamphlets and posters for teachers
- Eliminating unnecessary workload around marking
- Eliminating unnecessary workload around planning and teaching resources
- Eliminating unnecessary workload associated with data management
Ofsted’s annual and survey reports

- Ofsted’s **Annual Report** on education, children’s services and skills is published towards the end of each year
- Ofsted also produces regular **school survey** reports
Ofsted on the web and on social media

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