

## Summary table of Ofsted state-funded school inspections

Type of inspection	Graded	Ungraded	Urgent	Monitoring
<b>Legal powers for inspection</b>	Section 5 of the Education Act 2005	Section 8 of the Education Act 2005	Section 8 of the Education Act 2005	Section 8 of the Education Act 2005
<b>Schools eligible for this inspection</b>	All schools – but most schools with an outstanding/good judgement get an ungraded inspection instead	Schools with an outstanding/good judgement	All schools – but only triggered by a specific concern in a specific school	Schools with an inadequate judgement or 2 consecutive requires improvement judgements
<b>Outcome</b>	A grade (outstanding/good /requires improvement/ inadequate) for the 4 key judgements (quality of education/behaviour and attitudes/personal development/leadership and management) and for overall effectiveness	(1) The school remains good/outstanding (2) The school remains good, but with evidence it may be judged outstanding on a graded inspection (3) The school remains good/outstanding, but with evidence it may receive a lower grade on a graded inspection (4) The inspection was deemed a graded inspection	If inspectors have sufficient concerns about the school, they will deem the inspection a graded inspection and the outcomes will be as for graded inspections. If inspectors do not have serious concerns, they will produce a report setting out their findings in relation to the concerns that triggered the inspection	That the school is, or is not, making progress to improve
<b>Likely timing of inspection after the previous graded or ungraded inspection (not including any COVID-19 delay)</b>	Around 4 years for schools with an outstanding or good judgement and around 30 months for schools with a requires improvement or inadequate judgement	Around 4 years	N/A	Around 12 months for schools with a requires improvement judgement and 3 to 30 months (up to 5 inspections in that period) for schools with an inadequate judgement
<b>Resets the statutory clock?*</b>	Yes	Yes – except in outcome 3 (see above)	No	No

\* The law usually requires the maximum interval for inspections to be within 5 school years from the end of the school year in which the last relevant inspection took place. However, for schools last inspected before 4 May 2021, the legal maximum will, instead, be up to 7 years.