

## The New Ofsted Report Card Explained

A new approach to Ofsted ratings officially launched in November 2025, as part of a new Education Inspection Framework. These new 'Report Cards' will be published following inspections. They are designed to replace, and improve upon, the previous one-word Ofsted rating system.

There will no longer be "single word judgements" for schools - previously a choice between *Outstanding*, *Good*, *Requires Improvement*, or *Inadequate*. Instead, parents will see a much more detailed '**Report Card**' that combines at-a-glance headline information with more details. This will give parents a more comprehensive view of how schools are performing across a broad range of areas, as well as providing important context.

### The 5-Point Assessment Scale

Except for *Safeguarding*, the new Report Card will show Ofsted's evaluation of each of the assessment areas as one of the following:

- **Exceptional** — the highest quality provision (indicated in blue)
- **Strong standard** (indicated in dark green)
- **Expected standard** (indicated in bright green)
- **Needs attention** (indicated in orange)
- **Urgent improvement** (indicated in red).

The Report Card will use colour-coding, as indicated above in brackets.

There is no comparison between judgements given under the previous Ofsted framework and those awarded under the new framework.

Schools will be inspected under the following areas, each of which will be given a grade on the report card:

- Inclusion
- Curriculum and teaching
- Achievement
- Personal development and well-being
- Leadership and Governance

### Safeguarding

Because the safety and welfare of children is paramount, Ofsted's assessment of a school's **Safeguarding** features separately in the new Ofsted Report Card.

The Report Card will show the result for the assessment of Safeguarding clearly as either *Met* (with a green tick) or *Not Met*.

