

# **CHILDREN AND ADULTS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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## **SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTIONS IN MEDWAY**

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### **Summary**

The report informs Members of the outcomes of recent inspections of Medway schools carried out by the Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED).

### **1 Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 The outcomes of Medway school inspections are closely monitored within the framework of Medway Council's Children and Young People's Plan through our School Improvement Team, working with schools to raise achievement and attainment.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The previous briefing note to Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 June 2009 described the outcome of inspections published in the period up to March 2009. This report informs Members of inspections published and appearing on the OfSTED website, for the remainder of the period April 2009 to May 2010.

### **3. Update on Inspections**

- 3.1 Please note: the OfSTED inspection framework changed on 01/09/2009 and judgements before that date used different criteria to those inspected since September 2009.
- 3.2 In the last financial year the following inspection reports have been published.

<u>School:</u>	<u>Inspected:</u>	<u>OfSTED Judgement</u>
• Thames View Infant School	29/04/2009	Good
• The Hundred of Hoo School *	29/04/2009	Special Measures
• Chatham South School	12/05/2009	Good
• Rainham School for Girls	13/05/2009	Satisfactory
• St Augustine of Canterbury Primary	19/05/2009	Good
• St Michael's RC Primary School	19/05/2009	Satisfactory
• Skinner Street Primary*	09/06/2009	Special Measures
• Elaine Primary ^(RE subject inspection)	09/06/2009	Satisfactory
• Bradfields Special School	16/06/2009	Good
• Horsted Junior School	17/06/2009	Satisfactory
• English Martyrs RC Primary School	18/06/2009	Good
• Lordswood Junior School	25/06/2009	Satisfactory
• Gordon Junior School*	30/06/2009	Special Measures
• Woodlands Primary School	30/06/2009	Satisfactory
• Medway Community College [Monitoring Visit]	01/07/2009	Satisfactory Progress
• Rivermead Hospital School	01/07/2009	Good
• Warren Wood Primary School & Language Unit*	09/07/2009	Special Measures

New Inspection Framework introduced and used for inspections from this point forward:

<u>School:</u>	<u>Inspected:</u>	<u>OfSTED Judgement</u>
• St John's Infant School	16/09/2009	Satisfactory
• The Robert Napier School	17/09/2009	Satisfactory
• Kingfisher Primary School	17/09/2009	Satisfactory
• Spinnens Acre Junior School*	28/09/2009	Notice to Improve
• St Margaret's CEV Junior School *	28/09/2009	Notice to Improve
• High Halstow Primary School	30/09/2009	Satisfactory
• Danecourt Special School	05/10/2009	Good
• Burnt Oak Primary School+	07/10/2009	Satisfactory
• Glencoe Junior School	07/10/2009	Satisfactory
• The Pilgrim Primary School	07/10/2009	Good
• The Hundred of Hoo [Monitoring Visit]	14/10/2009	Satisfactory Progress
• Skinner Street Primary [Monitoring Visit]	25/11/2009	Satisfactory Progress
• Gordon Junior School [Monitoring Visit]	02/12/2009	Satisfactory Progress
• Medway Community College [Monitoring Visit]	08/12/2009	Satisfactory Progress
• Ridge Meadow Primary School	09/12/2009	Satisfactory
• Stoke Primary School	13/01/2010	Satisfactory
• Warren Wood Primary [Monitoring Visit]	13/01/2010	Inadequate Progress
• Cliffe Woods Primary School	20/01/2010	Good
• Balfour Infant School	25/01/2010	Good
• Park Wood Infant School	25/01/2010	Good
• St Margaret's CEV Junior [Monitoring Visit]	03/02/2010	Inadequate Progress
• Bligh Infant School	10/02/2010	Good

\* placed in an OfSTED category

+ removed from an OfSTED category

^ subject only inspection

• Bligh Junior School	10/02/2010	Satisfactory
• The Hundred of Hoo [Monitoring Visit]	03/03/2010	Good Progress
• Riverside Primary School	10/03/2010	Satisfactory
• Skinner Street Primary [Monitoring Visit]	25/11/2009	Good Progress
• Medway Community College+	17/03/2010	Satisfactory
• New Brompton College	28/04/2010	Good
• Fair View Primary School	19/05/2010	Good
• Spinnens Acre Junior [Monitoring Visit]	20/05/2010	Inadequate Progress

\* placed in an OfSTED category

+ removed from an OfSTED category

^ subject only inspection

3.3 At the end of May 2010 (as published by Ofsted), therefore, Medway had:

- 5 outstanding schools –Swingate Infant and Nursery School, Twydall Infant School, Sir Joseph Williamson’s Mathematical School, Rochester Grammar School, Fort Pitt Grammar School
- 2 schools subject to notice to improve (Spinnens Acre Junior School, St Margaret’s CEV Junior School)
- 4 schools requiring special measures (The Hundred of Hoo School, Skinner Street Primary School, Gordon Junior School, Warren Wood Primary School and Language Unit)

3.4 This represents a change in the position reported in April 2008, where there were five outstanding schools, and three requiring a notice to improve, and one requiring special measures.

3.5 Schools subject to a notice to improve or requiring special measures will be re-inspected approximately one year after the original inspection and any school in special measures will be monitored regularly by OfSTED, as well as by the local authority. The authority is working intensively with these schools in order to address the improvement issues and ensure that their next inspection is successful.

3.6 For the six schools currently in an Ofsted category the outcomes of the last published monitoring visits show that half are making good progress since the previous visit. Local authority support for the schools is judged as at least satisfactory and good for the majority of the schools.

3.7 A direct comparison of the Medway inspections with the national picture for the September 2008 to July 2009 academic year is as follows:

	Outstanding %	Good %	Satisfactory %	Inadequate %
Medway Primary (26 schools)	4	50	35	11
National Primary	16	52	29	3
Medway Secondary (9 schools each worth 11%)	33	44	11	11
National Secondary	22	41	31	6

These figures compare a relatively small sample of Medway schools with a larger national sample. For the primary phase Medway had significantly fewer schools in the outstanding group; a similar proportion of good schools and significantly more schools in the satisfactory and inadequate categories. The secondary phase figures show a greater proportion of good and outstanding judgements during the period.

- 3.8 A direct comparison of the national picture with Medway inspections for the period 1 September 2009 – 10 June 2010 is as follows:

	Outstanding %	Good %	Satisfactory %	Inadequate %
Medway Primary (17 schools)	0	35	53	12
National Primary Sept 2009 – May 2010	8	43	40	9
Medway Secondary (3 schools each worth 33%)	0	33	67	0
National Secondary Sept 2009 – May 2010	10	35	42	13

In the primary phase, significantly fewer schools were judged to be good or better. With only three inspections in secondary a straight comparison with national figures has limited value; the absence of inadequate judgements includes one school removed from special measures.

#### **4. Implications for Looked After Children**

- 4.1 Ensuring looked after children learn, progress and achieve is a key priority in each Medway school. There is an additional report within the agenda for this committee which provides information with regard to improving attainment for looked after children.

## **5. Financial and legal implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications forthcoming from this report. Improvements and, as needed, intervention support provided to schools as a result of the inspections will be provided from within existing Directorate budgets.
- 5.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are invited to comment on the outcomes of the inspections.

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## Background papers

Full inspection reports are available on the OfSTED website, links are as follows:

School name	Link to report
Thames View Infant	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108412/(as)/118528_326843.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108412/(as)/118528_326843.pdf</a>
The Hundred of Hoo	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109478/(as)/118799_326894.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109478/(as)/118799_326894.pdf</a>
Chatham South	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108920/(as)/118827_326903.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108920/(as)/118827_326903.pdf</a>
Rainham School for Girls	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108939/(as)/118823_326901.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/108939/(as)/118823_326901.pdf</a>
St Augustine of Canterbury RCP	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109357/(as)/118779_326891.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109357/(as)/118779_326891.pdf</a>
St Michael's RCP	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109331/(as)/118756_326886.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/109331/(as)/118756_326886.pdf</a>
Skinner Street	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110677/(as)/118427_331603.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110677/(as)/118427_331603.pdf</a>
Elaine Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/111221/(as)/118582_335110.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/111221/(as)/118582_335110.pdf</a>
Bradfields Schools	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110077/(as)/119043_326930.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110077/(as)/119043_326930.pdf</a>
Horsted Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110224/(as)/118477_326836.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110224/(as)/118477_326836.pdf</a>
English Martyrs CP	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110269/(as)/118766_326887.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110269/(as)/118766_326887.pdf</a>
Lordswood Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110404/(as)/118475_326835.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110404/(as)/118475_326835.pdf</a>
Gordon Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112016/(as)/118331_326807.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112016/(as)/118331_326807.pdf</a>
Woodlands Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110832/(as)/118431_326826.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110832/(as)/118431_326826.pdf</a>
Medway Com. College	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110407/(as)/118834_333407.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/110407/(as)/118834_333407.pdf</a>
Rivermead School	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/111634/(as)/134150_328840.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/111634/(as)/134150_328840.pdf</a>
Warren Wood	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112121/(as)/118556_331604.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112121/(as)/118556_331604.pdf</a>
St John's CofE Infant	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117292/(as)/118640_339262.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117292/(as)/118640_339262.pdf</a>
The Robert Napier School	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112200/(as)/118895_339319.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112200/(as)/118895_339319.pdf</a>
Kingfisher Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112226/(as)/118567_339245.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112226/(as)/118567_339245.pdf</a>
Spinnens Acre Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/113041/(as)/118550_339238.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/113041/(as)/118550_339238.pdf</a>
St Margarets CofE Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/114062/(as)/118699_339279.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/114062/(as)/118699_339279.pdf</a>
High Halstow	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117311/(as)/118434_339218.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117311/(as)/118434_339218.pdf</a>
Danecourt	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112732/(as)/119035_339329.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112732/(as)/119035_339329.pdf</a>
Burnt Oak Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/113792/(as)/131527_331617.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/113792/(as)/131527_331617.pdf</a>
Glencoe Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112677/(as)/118316_339192.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112677/(as)/118316_339192.pdf</a>
The Pilgrim School	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112604/(as)/134823_341534.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/112604/(as)/134823_341534.pdf</a>
Skinner Street	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115679/(as)/118427_343204.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115679/(as)/118427_343204.pdf</a>
The Hundred of Hoo	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116748/(as)/118799_342555.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116748/(as)/118799_342555.pdf</a>
Gordon Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115652/(as)/118331_343549.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115652/(as)/118331_343549.pdf</a>
Medway Com. College	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115472/(as)/118834_335177.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115472/(as)/118834_335177.pdf</a>
Ridge Meadow	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115582/(as)/118580_339251.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/115582/(as)/118580_339251.pdf</a>
Warren Wood	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116009/(as)/118556_344684.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116009/(as)/118556_344684.pdf</a>
Stoke Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117208/(as)/118315_339191.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117208/(as)/118315_339191.pdf</a>
Cliffe Woods Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117313/(as)/118527_339233.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117313/(as)/118527_339233.pdf</a>
Balfour Infant	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116669/(as)/118329_339194.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/116669/(as)/118329_339194.pdf</a>
Park Wood Infant	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117363/(as)/118472_339225.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117363/(as)/118472_339225.pdf</a>
St Margarets CofE Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117628/(as)/118699_346236.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/117628/(as)/118699_346236.pdf</a>
Bligh Infant	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118843/(as)/118500_339228.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118843/(as)/118500_339228.pdf</a>
Bligh Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119016/(as)/118470_339224.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119016/(as)/118470_339224.pdf</a>
The Hundred of Hoo	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118242/(as)/118799_342851.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118242/(as)/118799_342851.pdf</a>
Riverside Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119122/(as)/134011_341419.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119122/(as)/134011_341419.pdf</a>
Skinner Street	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118710/(as)/118427_343205.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/118710/(as)/118427_343205.pdf</a>
Medway Com. College	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119377/(as)/118834_339311.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/119377/(as)/118834_339311.pdf</a>
New Brompton College	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120020/(as)/118926_339324.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120020/(as)/118926_339324.pdf</a>
Fairview Primary	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120800/(as)/134904_341567.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120800/(as)/134904_341567.pdf</a>
Spinnens Acre Junior	<a href="http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120869/(as)/118550_346371.pdf">http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/download/(id)/120869/(as)/118550_346371.pdf</a>