

INFORMATION ON SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN, SPRING TERM 2006

Up until 31 August 2005,

There were four categories of schools causing concern.

Schools subject to special measures are those that, when inspected, were failing or likely to fail to provide an acceptable standard of education for their pupils.

Schools with serious weaknesses are those that, when inspected, were providing an acceptable standard of education for their pupils but had serious weaknesses in one or more areas of their work.

Underachieving schools are those that, when inspected, were providing an acceptable standard of education for their pupils but were underachieving.

Secondary schools with inadequate sixth forms are those that, when inspected, were failing or likely to fail to give their pupils over compulsory school age an acceptable standard of education, and had significant weaknesses in one or more of their areas of activity for pupils over compulsory school age.

From 1 September 2005, there are two categories of schools causing concern.

Schools subject to special measures are those that, when inspected, were failing to give their pupils an acceptable standard of education and in which the persons responsible for leading, managing or governing the school were not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school.

Schools requiring significant improvement are those that, when inspected, although not requiring special measures, were performing significantly less well than they might in all the circumstances reasonably be expected to perform. Ofsted issues such schools with a ***Notice to Improve***.

Schools within the previous 'causing concern' categories on 31 August 2005 will remain in these categories until removed from them as a result of an inspection by Ofsted.

Please note:

- 1) the lists of schools show the schools in each 'causing concern' category at 7 April 2006. These lists of schools may have changed by the time of publication because inspections conducted since 7 April may have resulted in

schools being placed in the new categories, or removed from the previous categories;

- 2) the number, and lists, of schools causing concern will be published each term on the Ofsted website.