

Independent schools inspections documents August 2016 – summary of changes

Title	Changes made
Handbook for additional inspections of independent schools	Amendments are made throughout to bring the handbook into line with the September 2016 reporting requirements for independent schools. For example, all references to the requirement to write an advice note have been removed.
	For each type of additional inspection, an insertion has been made either at the time of the notification telephone call, or during the initial meeting with the headteacher, that lead inspectors must establish if the school operates from more than one site. All additional addresses, other than of the main registered premises, must be recorded in the evidence base, and these must be reported to the regional SHMI for independent schools.
	For each type of additional inspection, an insertion has been made to remind inspectors that, where a school operates from more than one site, each site should be visited during the inspection – for example, where there is off-site early years provision.
	For pre-registration inspections, an additional paragraph has been inserted under 'providing feedback' to explain what inspectors must say to the proprietor in the event that the school is already operating. This includes the requirement for inspectors to warn the proprietor that it is an offence to operate an unregistered independent school.
	For pre-registration inspections, a paragraph has been added to explain how lead inspectors should report on those schools operating without registration. This includes alerting Ofsted's unregistered schools team.
	That, for material change inspections, where the changes have already been enacted in full, inspectors will be required to feed back to the proprietor that this information will be reported to the DfE. This information should be recorded using Form A.