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School inspections are changing: Shape What's Next



Introduction



School inspectors would like to change how school inspections work in Scotland.



We want to hear what you think about this. Your ideas will help make inspections more helpful for schools, children, and young people.

What is the review doing?



We are talking to lots of people to learn what they think about school inspections, including: teachers and school staff, parents and carers and children and young people.



We want to know what different people think about school inspection, what problems there are, and how things could be improved.

What is the purpose of school inspections?

School inspections are meant to:



- Find and share good ideas that work well in schools



- Help schools get better by showing what can improve



- Make sure people know that schools are being checked



- Share what we find out to help improve education

What do we want your views on?



1. The people that are involved in a school inspection



2. How often inspections should happen



3. Whether grades should be used



4. When schools are told that an inspection is going to happen



5. What happens before and after an inspection



6. How inspection results should be reported



7. How nursery classes should be inspected

How do I share my views?



Wider public consultation: [here](#)



Children and young people consultation: [here](#)



The consultation closes on
Wednesday, 26 November 2025.



If you cannot answer the consultation online, you can send your answers by email to:

SchoolInspectionConsultation@educationscotland.gov.scot

Privacy



You do not need to give your name. The information you share will be kept private and used only for this consultation.

What happens next?



After the consultation closes, all answers will be looked at carefully.



A report will be published to show what people said.
This will help decide what happens next for school inspections.