A FACTSHEET for Parents and Carers





What is the Jersey Schools Review?

The Jersey Schools Review is an independent assessment of the quality of education in all Government of Jersey primary and secondary schools.

When will the reviews take place?

The reviews will take place over the next two years, starting in September 2022. It is our intention that all schools will have been reviewed by December 2024, when we will start the process again.

When will I find out that my child's school is being reviewed?

Before each review, schools are given four working days' notice, and will be expected to notify parents and carers as soon as possible prior to the review taking place.

Who will be reviewing my child's school?

A review team has been established to lead each school review. They are made up of:

- an external Lead Reviewer experienced in conducting reviews in other jurisdictions
- a Senior Adviser from the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES)
- two or more Senior School Leaders currently working in Jersey schools.

Why are the reviews taking place?

Your child's development and achievement must be at the heart of our education system in Jersey. The main aims of the reviews are therefore to:

- ensure pupil wellbeing and personal development
- determine if pupils are achieving as much as they can
- provide information to you, as parents and carers
- confirm standards are being met
- promote school improvement
- encourage schools to work together
- ensure public money is being used effectively.



How can I make my views known?

In the communication from the school prior to the review, parents and carers will be invited to complete a questionnaire about the school. This information will help to inform the Lead Reviewer when gathering evidence about the school.



What will the review team be assessing?

During the three-day review, the review team will check key areas:

- that pupils are learning in a safe, nurturing environment
- the behaviour and personal development of pupils
- the standards of teaching, learning, and achievement
- the effectiveness of the school's leadership.

What will the review team be doing in my child's school?

To gain an understanding of how well the school is doing in each of these areas, the review team will:

- speak to pupils
- meet with and survey staf
- look at pupils' work
- observe lessons
- review school data and other information.

Schools will not be expected to do anything different to what they usually do on a day-to-day basis, both in the run up to the review and during the review itself. The review should not be disruptive to your child, or other children.

The reviewers may wish to ask children questions during the three days, but these will be informal, positive exchanges. The final report will not contain any individual names or details, and the process will be fully GDPR compliant.

Where will the final report be published?

Following each review, the school, parents and CYPES will receive a short report of the findings. The report of your child's school will be available on the Jersey Schools Review Framework gov.je webpage, and will be published within 19 working days of the end of the review.

What happens if a school is in need of improvement in a number of areas?

There will be no overall judgement of a school; however, a school will be assessed under the four key areas detailed in the Jersey Schools Review Framework Handbook. If a school has a number of areas that require significant improvement, a School Improvement Board will be convened to support the school in making fast and enduring change.

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We have produced a video explaining all of the above. You can find this at: www.vimeo.com/348342760

You can also find more information at: www.gov.je/jerseyschoolsreviewframework

