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SUMMARY	Overview on the new framework effective from September 2015		
KEY ACTION POINTS			
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Following its consultation earlier this year, Ofsted [has released its new inspection handbook and framework](#) which will come into effect from September 2015. The significant changes are:

1. Common inspection framework: aligns inspection across early years settings, maintained schools and academies, non-association independent schools and further education and skills providers. While each remit will continue to have an individual inspection handbook which applies the principles of the common framework, the change is designed to provide consistency and comparability across Ofsted's education inspections.
2. Short inspections for 'good' schools: from September, schools that were judged 'good' at their most recent inspection will receive a short inspection approximately every three years. Inspectors carrying out short inspections will start from the assumption that the school or provider remains good, and will only make judgements on whether this is the case and whether safeguarding is effective. Where the inspectors believe the school may no longer be 'good' (either due to improvement or decline), these will be converted into full inspections.
3. Changes to the inspector workforce: Ofsted will contract directly with inspectors (rather than outsourcing) and bring training and quality assurance in-house. The majority of Ofsted Inspectors will be current leaders of 'good' and 'outstanding' education providers.
4. The headings under which Ofsted will report are:
 - overall effectiveness
 - effectiveness of leadership and management
 - quality of teaching, learning and assessment
 - personal development, behaviour and welfare
 - outcomes for pupils

Ofsted has produced a short guide to the new framework: [The Future of Education Inspection: Understanding the changes](#) on the GOV website.

At an event launching the new handbook and framework, HMCI Sir Michael Wilshaw also outlined plans to recognise 'exceptional leaders'; from September, when inspectors identify a headteacher who has played a key role in turning around other institutions, Ofsted will send a letter to them acknowledging their leadership as exceptional. A copy of this letter will go to the Secretary of State and Ofsted's annual report will also feature those leaders who have been recognised in this way.

Details of the changes, provided by Ofsted, can be viewed again on the .GOV website