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Dear

FOI request

Thank you again for your email, in which you formally request information in regards to school inspections.

When dealing with requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), Estyn's obligations include:-

1. Confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
2. Communicating the information requested to the applicant.

There are a number of exemptions under the Act that impact these obligations. Estyn is required to consider whether an exemption applies in the context of the information being released into the public domain, not just in the context of the information being released to the particular applicant that has requested the information.

If Estyn releases information in response to a Freedom of Information request, this is essentially a decision that the information can be released in response to any similar request from any member of the public.

In response to your request, I confirm the following:

1. How many schools in Wales are currently rated as: Excellent; Good; Adequate; Unsatisfactory?

We do not provide an overall grade for schools following inspection. However, grades for each inspection area since 2010 can be checked in our Power BI tool and downloaded as a csv here: <https://www.estyn.gov.wales/annual-report-her-majestys-chief-inspector-education-and-training/official-statistics>

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2. Classification of schools based on time since latest core inspection OR since first recorded in Cygnum:

	<= 5 years	5-7 years	7-10 years	> 10 years	Total
Primary	716	345	167	1	1229
Secondary	114	54	14	0	182
Maintained special	22	12	6	0	40
All age schools	21	2	0	0	23
Pupil referral unit	16	4	2	0	22
Total	889	417	189	1	1496

* Further information on when schools are inspected can be found here:

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/system/files/2020-10/When%20will%20the%20next%20school%20inspection%20take%20place.pdf>

All but one of the schools not inspected in more than seven years were inspected during the 2010-2016 cycle and are due to be inspected within the current cycle. Ysgol Bro Alun is the exception, since it opened in 2013 and was not inspected in the previous cycle. It was scheduled for Spring 2020 and cancelled due to COVID. One more school (Ysgol y Ddraig) also opened in the previous cycle (2015) and hasn't been inspected yet, but is within the parameters specified in paragraph 13 of the document above. Also please note that schools do not have core inspections while in follow-up (although they have regular monitoring visits), so this might increase the interval between core inspections.

3. Schools currently in SM:

Provider number	School name	Sector	Date in SM	Years since placed in SM
6614034	Ysgol Ardudwy	Secondary	07/02/2019	2.3
6622274	Ysgol Awel y Mynydd	Primary	13/02/2020	1.3
6634026	Denbigh High School	Secondary	06/07/2018	2.9
6642084	Abermorddu C.P. School	Primary	30/01/2020	1.3
6654033	Ysgol Bryn Alyn	Secondary	16/02/2018	3.3
6654049	Ysgol Clywedog	Secondary	09/12/2019	1.5
6664011	Newtown High School	Secondary	14/03/2018	3.2
6684035	The Greenhill School	Secondary	02/12/2019	1.5
6692120	Bryn C.P. School	Primary	24/01/2019	2.4
6692192	Ysgol Y Castell	Primary	10/09/2019	1.7

6693321	Pentip V.A. C.I.W. Primary School	Primary	16/05/2019	2.0
6722232	Plasnewydd Primary School	Primary	04/04/2018	3.2
6722369	Ogmore Vale Primary	Primary	17/04/2019	2.1
6741106	Ty Gwyn Education Centre	Pupil referral unit	09/12/2019	1.5
6775401	Brynmawr Foundation School	Secondary	13/12/2019	1.5
6784051	Croesyceiliog School	Secondary	09/03/2020	1.2
6784075	Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	Secondary	14/06/2019	2.0
6784076	Cwmbran High School	Secondary	03/12/2018	2.5
6801103	Bridge Achievement Centre	Pupil referral unit	17/05/2018	3.0
6803002	Malpas Church in Wales Primary School	Primary	09/01/2020	1.4
6804003	St Julian's School	Secondary	03/07/2017	3.9
6804025	Newport High School	Secondary	25/01/2018	3.4
6813334	St Peter's R.C. Primary School	Primary	10/12/2018	2.5

If you are not satisfied with the decision Estyn has taken regarding your request for information, you are entitled to request that we review the matter. Your request for a review should be addressed to the Feedback and Complaints Manager, and received no later than 20 working days after the date of this communication.

If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner through their website:

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/who-we-are/wales-office/>

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Yours sincerely



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