


New practical guidance on challenging Ofsted inspections

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This year has brought major changes to Ofsted inspections such as no longer having single-phrase judgements, with further reforms on the horizon, such as the introduction of report cards.

We're hopefully moving in a direction - both in terms of policy reform and cultural change - which reduces the likelihood of a school having cause for complaint about an inspection. However, there may still be occasions when a school is unhappy with the inspection process and/or outcome.

That's why we've been working in close conjunction with the National Union of Head Teachers (NAHT) to bring together some practical, up-to-date guidance for schools facing these challenges.

This guidance is now available and covers key factors including:

- When you should raise concerns and who to raise them with.
- Your rights to request a pause to inspection.
- Making formal complaints
- Seeking injunctions and when to resort to legal action

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