

Understanding inspections in PRUs: A guide for parents and carers

Estyn is responsible for inspecting a wide range of education and training provision in Wales, and will soon be inspecting your child's PRU.

How do inspectors take account of my views of the PRU?

Estyn wants to know your views on the PRU. You can do this by:

- **completing an online questionnaire** via the direct link or QR code provided by the PRU. The questionnaire is the easiest way of making inspectors aware of your views.
- **attending a meeting with inspectors.** The school will inform you of the date and time.

How will an inspection benefit my child?

An inspection tells you about the standards and quality at your child's PRU. It gives the PRU an expert view on its work, outlining what it does well and helps it to improve.

Who inspects the PRU?

The inspection team is led by a Reporting Inspector who has considerable experience of teaching and education. Each inspection team also includes a lay inspector and a peer inspector. Lay inspectors have not worked as teachers in a school, while peer inspectors are headteachers or managers from another school. Each PRU may nominate someone to liaise directly with the inspection team to keep the inspectors informed about the PRU and its work.

How will the PRU be inspected?

Inspectors follow Estyn's inspection guidance: ['What we inspect'](#); ['How we inspect'](#)

How will inspectors take account of my child's view of the PRU?

During the inspection, inspectors will ask groups of children how they feel about the PRU, their work and how well they are getting on. All learners in key stage 2 and above will have the opportunity to complete an online questionnaire before the inspection.

How will I know the inspectors' views on the PRU?

Inspection reports are published on the Estyn website 45 working days after the start of the inspection. The management committee will also send you details of the report.

What will be included within the report?

The report will have overall evaluations on:

- the quality of teaching and learning
- care, support and guidance, and pupils' well-being
- leadership and improvement

What happens after an inspection?

All PRUs must produce an action plan based on the recommendations in the inspection report.

The inspection team will consider and report whether the PRU requires any follow-up activity. The two types of follow-up activity include:

Special Measures: this is the most intensive level of statutory follow up. It involves a small team of Estyn inspectors making regular visits to review the PRU's progress following the publication of the inspection report.

Significant improvement: involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the PRU about 12-18 months after the publication of the report

In addition to a core inspection, we will also undertake other engagements with schools and PRUs.

How can I contact Estyn?

Email: ic@estyn.gov.wales

Tel: 02920 446446

Feedback about inspections:
feedback@estyn.gov.wales

