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Dear Ms Foxcroft

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBERS 91410 AND 91411

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Citizenship is treated on an equal footing with other statutory National Curriculum subjects within Ofsted's inspection framework.

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that Ofsted (a) inspections and (b) public reporting properly reflect schools' statutory obligations to deliver Citizenship education.

Your recent Parliamentary Questions have been passed to me for response as His Majesty's Chief Inspector for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

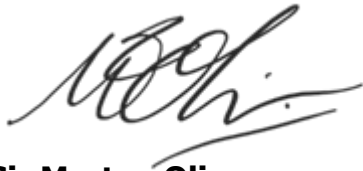
We commenced inspections under our renewed framework on Monday 10 November 2025. Our school inspection toolkit, which inspectors use to gather evidence and determine grades, is based firmly on statutory duties and relevant non-statutory guidance.¹

When gathering evidence about the curriculum and teaching in schools, inspectors will consider the extent to which the curriculum covers statutory requirements, such as the requirement to deliver citizenship education in key stages 3 and 4. Citizenship is also considered as part of our personal development and well-being evaluation area, where inspectors will consider the extent to which the curriculum meets statutory requirements and prepares pupils for life beyond the school.

¹ 'School inspection: toolkit, operating guides and information', Ofsted, November 2025; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-toolkit-operating-guide-and-information>.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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