

Changes to Pikuach Inspections: September 2024

Removal of the 'Overall Effectiveness' grading for all Pikuach inspections

Significant changes to the Pikuach inspection framework will take effect for all inspections from September 2024. These changes are the result of a comprehensive review, conducted with input from various stakeholders, including headteachers, inspectors, heads of Jewish Studies, parents, governors, and more.

Traditionally, Pikuach inspections have focused on three key areas:

1. Quality of Jewish Education
2. Jewish Personal and Spiritual Development
3. Leadership and Management

These areas were assessed to produce an 'Overall Effectiveness' grade. However, feedback from our review highlighted that too much emphasis was often placed on the Overall Effectiveness grade, sometimes at the expense of a detailed inspection that identifies the strengths and areas for improvement within each of the three key areas.

In response to this feedback, Pikuach will no longer include an Overall Effectiveness grade in s48 inspection reports.

Future Pikuach s48 reports will continue to provide a detailed analysis of each of the three inspection areas:

1. Quality of Jewish Education
2. Jewish Personal and Spiritual Development
3. Leadership and Management

Our priority is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in all aspects of a school's Jewish education. We are committed to offering educators and parents a comprehensive understanding of the provision of Jewish learning and life at their school.

Pikuach remains committed to a collaborative approach to all inspections, working closely with schools to support continuous improvement in Jewish education. We believe these changes will lead to a more constructive and insightful inspection process, helping parents to better understand the strengths and areas for improvement in their school's Jewish education.

We hope this new approach will further our shared goal of enhancing the provision of Jewish education for learners across all our schools.