

**Sent by email only**

Cllr Carolyn Webster  
Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1  
Bridgend County Borough Council Councillor Newcastle Ward

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Dear Cllr Carolyn Webster

**School Inspection**

Thank you for your recent letter in which you highlight the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1's concerns over the timeliness of Estyn inspections. You are particularly concerned that Estyn inspected a school that was about to move into new premises and that this caused staff additional stress at a difficult time.

You may wish to refer to the document 'When will the next school or pupil referral unit (PRU) inspection take place?' (attached) which is available on Estyn's website. It sets out guidance on Estyn's approach to cancellation, deferral and re-scheduling inspections and indicates that 'Estyn will consider the deferral of inspections on a case by case basis'.

I have consulted Estyn colleagues with responsibility for inspection, inspection coordination, feedback and enquiries and can find no record of any application to defer an inspection in Bridgend local authority. You will appreciate that it is impossible for Estyn to consider deferring inspections without in the first instance being made aware of any concerns or mitigating circumstances.

I trust that you will find the document attached helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Director