



CASE STUDY: OFSTED INSPECTION SUPPORT

Helping school leaders
approach inspection with
clarity and confidence.



THE CHALLENGE

When the Ofsted framework changes, schools need to understand what this means in practice.

Leaders wanted greater clarity around the new toolkit and standards, helping them to accurately evaluate their schools, identify priorities and confidently demonstrate their strengths during inspection.

THE APPROACH

Hamwic worked alongside school leaders to build their understanding of the Ofsted toolkit and how its different elements work together.

Support included:

- Understanding the new toolkit and standards
- Identifying key priorities ahead of inspection
- Supporting accurate school self-evaluation
- Helping leaders prepare and present evidence effectively
- Providing practical guidance before and during inspection
- Building leadership confidence

EMBEDDING THE CHANGE

The focus was not simply on preparing for inspection, but on helping leaders develop a secure understanding of the framework that could inform ongoing school improvement.

By understanding each standard and what it looks like in practice, leaders were better equipped to evaluate provision accurately and identify where further improvement was needed.



THE IMPACT

Schools receiving support have been able to approach inspection with greater clarity and confidence.

Leaders have:

- 🍃 Evaluated their schools with greater precision
- 🍃 Accurately anticipated inspection judgements
- 🍃 Presented evidence with greater confidence
- 🍃 Secured strong judgements
- 🍃 Felt well supported throughout the inspection process



KEY LEARNING

Effective inspection preparation is not about changing what a school does for Ofsted.

It is about understanding how strong everyday practice aligns with the framework and being able to demonstrate it with confidence.

Inspection is only one moment in a school's improvement journey. The real priority remains providing the best possible education for children every day.

However, helping leaders confidently demonstrate the quality of their school ensures that the hard work of staff is recognised and gives both staff and parents confidence in the education being provided.

IN THEIR WORDS...

The support that myself and the school have received from Hamwic, not just this week but in the lead up to the inspection, has been incredible. The support and advice from the team had a huge impact in settling nerves and supporting the Ofsted conversations.