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Ross McGill
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Dear Mr McGill

Your request for information

Thank you for your email dated 22 January 2019 in which you provided clarification of your request. You have requested

"What sources of data do you use to calculate/predict which schools to inspect next?"

The Freedom of Information Act

We have dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

In this case the process of how schools are selected for inspection is set out in our published guidance documents. Paragraph 11 of the school inspection handbook¹ sets out the risk assessment process and provides further details of the information considered in paragraph 13. We also publish a methodology note² which provides further in depth detail of the risk assessment process concerning good and outstanding schools.

In all cases the data used as part of the risk assessment process is publicly available. As we set out in our guidance documents we use progress and attainment data from DfE, school workforce census data, and Parent View responses. For ease of reference we have listed the sources of the data below:

Full details of the available progress and attainment data are available here.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-performance-tables>

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

² www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-standards-for-official-statistics

Full details of the School Workforce census are available here.

<https://www.gov.uk/search?q=school+workforce+census>

Further information about Parent View is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/parent-view-toolkit-for-schools/parent-view-toolkit-for-schools>

You may also be interested in a blog³, published in April 2018, which aims to provide further clarification on how the risk assessment process works.

Ofsted is currently consulting on our proposals for changes to the education inspection framework from September 2019. If you have any particular comments or feedback relating to the wider changes, or specifically to the risk assessment process, we would encourage you to feed your views into the consultation⁴.

I hope that you find this information useful and trust that this letter clearly explains our position. If you have any queries about our response, please contact me at 0300 013 1287 and I will do my best to address them.

Alternatively, if you are dissatisfied with our response or the handling of your request, you may request a formal internal review. In order to do this, please write to the following address, setting out which areas of the response you are unhappy with:

Email: Richard McGowan at informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk or write to:

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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

or:

³ <https://educationinspection.blog.gov.uk/2018/04/17/risk-assessment-process-for-good-and-outstanding-schools/>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/education-inspection-framework-2019-inspecting-the-substance-of-education>

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alastair O'Neill", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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