



18 point checklist

for an Ofsted compliant website in 2026

Checklist

Ensuring your school website meets Ofsted requirements is essential for compliance and transparency. Below is a simple 18 point checklist to follow covering all the key elements your school website must include in 2026.

1. Contact details

Your school's website must display:

- School name
- Postal address
- Telephone number
- Contact name for enquiries
- Name and contact details of your SEN co-ordinator (SENCO)

2. Ethos and values statement

- Clearly outline your school's mission, vision and core values in a statement. For example, this could reflect your commitment to student development, inclusivity and community engagement.

3. Uniform policy

Provide a detailed uniform policy for your school, including:

- Approved clothing items (and if they're season specific)
- Where to purchase uniforms
- Expectations for appearance (e.g. hairstyles and jewellery)
- Consequences for non-compliance

4. School opening and closing times

List daily start and finish times for your school, including:

- School hours
- Break and lunchtimes
- Early closure or late opening procedures (if applicable)

5. Admissions arrangements

Detail your school's admissions process, including:

- Application deadlines
- How applications are considered
- How parents can apply
- How many places are available per year group
- Process for delay or deferral of entry to reception and process for entry outside normal age group
- Oversubscription criteria
- In-year admissions process

6. Admissions appeals timetable

Include key dates for:

- Appeals submission deadlines
- Hearing dates
- Notification of outcomes

7. Curriculum

Provide a comprehensive breakdown of your curriculum, covering:

- KS1 phonics or reading scheme names
- KS4 course list, including GCSEs
- How parents and the public can find out more about the curriculum
- Alongside a music curriculum, you should publish a music development plan
- You must also set out how over time you will increase the extent to which disabled pupils participate in the school's curriculum, as part of your school's accessibility plan

8. Latest OFSTED report

- Publish, or provide a link, to the most recent Ofsted inspection report, ensuring it is easily accessible to parents

9. Performance tables

- Link to the GOV.uk school performance tables and your school page

10. KS2 and KS4 results

Display annual results for:

- Key Stage 2 (SATs) including percentage of pupils with expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths, average 'scaled scores' in reading and maths, and percentage of pupils with a higher standard in reading, writing and maths
- Key Stage 4 (GCSEs or equivalent) including **Progress 8 and Attainment 8**, percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in GCSE English and maths combined, and the percentage of students who enter the EBacc or continue in education or move on to employment after KS4

11. KS5 information

For schools with sixth forms, provide performance measures as published by the Secretary of State, comprising their students' headline:

- Progress (value added) measures
- Attainment measures
- Retention measures
- Destination measures

12. Careers programme information

You must publish your careers guidance information, including:

- Name and contact details of the school's Careers Leader
- Summary of the careers programme, including details of how pupils, parents, teachers and employers may access information about the careers programme
- How the school measures and assesses the impact of the careers programme on pupils
- Date of the school's next review of the information published
- Publish policy statement to comply with section 42B of the Education Act 1997 (provider access legislation)

13. School policies

Ensure all statutory policies are published, including:

- Behaviour policy
- Uniform policy
- Charging and remissions, including details of any activities that parents are charged for
- SEND information report
- Complaints procedure
- Access arrangements for providers of technical education and apprenticeships

14. Governor information

List details of your school's governing body, including:

- Structure and remit including committees and names of chair
- For each governor who has served in the last 12 months: Full names, dates of appointment, term, appointee, date stepped down
- Relevant interests including business, financial, other governance roles and any relationships with school staff or close relatives
- Attendance over last academic year

15. Public sector equality duty

You must demonstrate your school's compliance with the Equality Act 2010 by publishing:

- Details of how your school is complying with the public sector equality duty, updated annually
- Your school's equality objectives, updated at least once every 4 years

16. SEN information

Publish your SEN (Special Educational Needs) report, covering:

- Support arrangements for admission of disabled pupils
- Steps taken to prevent disabled pupils from being treated less favourably
- Accessibility plans

17. Financial information

For maintained schools, disclose:

- How many school employees (if any) have a gross annual salary of £100,000 or more in increments of £10,000
- A link to your school page on the **Schools Financial Benchmarking** website

18. Remote education

Detail your provision for remote learning, including:

- Platforms used (e.g. Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams)
- Expectations for student engagement
- Support for disadvantaged pupils

By ensuring your school website includes these 18 elements, you'll maintain compliance with current Ofsted requirements and provide transparency for parents, students and inspectors. Regularly review and update these sections to reflect any changes to regulations or your school's policies.



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