



## School Profiles

Since the Education Act 2005, governing bodies of schools are no longer required to hold an annual meeting for parents or to produce an annual report. This report has been replaced by the school profile, the aim of which is to communicate directly to parents details about the school's progress, priorities and performance. It remains the responsibility of the governors to ensure that profiles are completed and published. Profiles are published online.

All maintained schools need to publish a school profile, with the exception of maintained nursery schools which will continue to produce a governors' annual report. Non-maintained schools, independent schools and academies are not required to complete a school profile.

A school profile would typically provide the following information:

- Data provided and updated by the DfES on an annual basis;
- A summary of the latest Ofsted report provided by the DfES and updated at least every three years;
- Narrative sections written by the school, updated at least once every academic year and which include the following headings:
  - What have been our successes this year?
  - What are we trying to improve?
  - How have our results changed over time?
  - How are we making sure that every child receives teaching to meet their individual needs?
  - How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well-supported?
  - What have we done in response to our Ofsted report?
  - How are we working with parents and the community?

Profiles appear on the Directgov website but an LEA and school number are required in order to access the correct profile. Interested parents can ask schools for this information, or request a hard copy if they prefer. These are also available from schools.

Comment: This would certainly seem a positive move for Service families who will be able to access information about schools online and in one place.