



Implementation Review Unit (IRU) Statement for 2007

Annex A

The New Relationship with Schools

Promised in 2003 by the then School Standards Minister, David Miliband, the New Relationship with Schools promised a new strengthened schools accountability framework made up of the following:

- an Ofsted inspection regime with a lighter touch and a sharper edge;
- an annual School Profile (n.b. see our Position Statement);
- a single conversation between schools and a dedicated school improvement partner to identify and gain support for development priorities and support needs;
- a single school improvement plan, drawn up and self-evaluated by schools, informed by a more focused number of Departmental outcomes;
- the chance for schools themselves to take control of the information flow, with an online ordering system for all documents and information from the Department;
- new protocols to ensure that central and local government bodies do not divert schools with duplicate requests for information, ensuring that data is “collected once, used many times.”