



# Isle of Man Schools and Services Quality Assurance

Information leaflet  
for parents and  
carers

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# Isle of Man Quality Assurance Model

The Quality Assurance Model is based upon ongoing school and educational service self improvement, with the aim of supporting schools and educational services in personal and organisational growth, ensuring the best outcomes are achieved for all children and young people whilst enabling schools and services to work together. Throughout this process your child's development remains at the heart of our education system.

## What is external validation of IOM schools and services?

External validation is a part of the ongoing quality assurance systems that are used daily within schools and services. It supports schools and services to understand the validity of their judgements, by providing rigour, focus, offering informed challenge and enabling reflection to allow schools and services to plan for improvement. The external validation will be carried out by an independent external validation team.

## What is the purpose of external validation?

The development of learners and staff is at the heart of our education system in the Isle of Man. The main aim of external validation is to:

- enable areas of success and good practice to be identified and shared more widely
- promote reflection and growth through professionally challenging conversations
- confirm the impact that our schools and services are having on outcomes for children and young people

## Who will conduct the external validation?

Tribal, a global organisation, will conduct the external validation. The team holds significant validation expertise, working in schools across the world. Tribal aims to ensure all children and young people have access to quality education, and enable schools and services to deliver the best outcomes for the children and young people.

## When will external validation take place in my child's school?

Schools and services will be validated on a 3 year cycle with a summary focussing on the Island's education as a whole, which will be produced annually. Prior to your child's school being validated, the school will notify parents and carers.



## What will the external validation team be validating?

During the external validation, the team will explore aspects across the following key areas:

- Quality of Education
- Personal Development
- Behaviour, Relationships and Attitudes
- Leadership and Development

## How will the findings from the external validation be communicated?

Following the external validation visit, information about the visit will be available on each school's website. The document will not contain any individual names or details, and the process will be fully GDPR compliant.

## Will my child be aware of the external validation visit?

Your child will be made aware that there will be visitors in the school. However, schools will not be expected to do anything different to what they usually do on a day-to-day basis, both in the run up to the validation and during the validation itself. The validation will not interrupt your child's learning.

## What will the team be doing within each school?

### PRIOR TO VISIT:



The external validation team will discuss the context of the school with the School Leadership Team in order to have a clear understanding of the unique nature of each school or service.

### DURING THE VISIT:



To gain a clear understanding of the school's performance in these key areas, the team may:

- speak to learners
- meet with staff and other relevant stakeholders
- look at learners' work
- join lessons
- review school data
- review the school priorities

### IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE VALIDATION PROCESS:



Please contact your child's school



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