Agenda Item 10



Regulatory and Other Committee

Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Interim Director of Education

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	20 June 2019
Subject:	Academies and Trust Update

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the latest number of academies and pupils in academies, and academy trusts.

Recommendation:

The Schools' Forum is asked to note the contents of this report.

Background

The Schools Forum asked for an update to be provided to each meeting on the number of academy conversions.

This is the position as at the 1st May 2019. The pupil figures are based on the January 2019 census data (i.e. the latest published). The national academy trust data is the latest available from "Get Information About Schools".

Since the effective date of the last report (1st January 2019), there has been two further academy conversions of primary schools. Both Wyberton Primary School and Boston Saint Thomas' Church of England Primary School have converted to academy status and have joined Infinity Academies Trust. This means that 35.9% (101) of primary schools are now academies and 45.4% (26,115) of primary pupils are educated in academies.

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		351	
Maintained	5	100.0%	351	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		57,460	
Maintained	180	64.1%	31,346	54.6%
Academy	101	35.9%	26,115	45.4%

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

Secondary				
All	54		46,108	
Maintained	3	5.6%	2,819	6.1%
Academy	51	94.4%	43,289	93.9%
Special				
All	21		1,961	
Maintained	7	33.3%	742	37.8%
Academy	14	66.7%	1,220	62.2%
PRU				
All	2		194	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	2	100.0%	194	100.0%
Total				
All	363		106,074	
Maintained	195	53.7%	35,257	33.2%
Academy	168	46.3%	70,817	66.8%

By 1st November 2019, if conversions and sponsored conversions proceed according to their current target dates the position will be:

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		351	
Maintained	5	100.0%	351	100.0
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0
Primary				
All	281		57,460	
Maintained	176	62.6%	30,361	52.8
Academy	105	37.4%	27,100	47.2
Secondary				
All	54		46,108	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,193	4.8
Academy	52	96.3%	43,915	95.2
Special				
All	21		1,961	
Maintained	7	33.3%	742	37.8
Academy	14	66.7%	1,220	62.2
PRU				
All	4		194	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0

Academy	4	100.0%	194	100.0%
Total				
All	365		106,074	
Maintained	190	51.9%	33,646	31.7%
Academy	176	48.1%	72,428	68.3%

Four more primary schools are intended to be academies prior to the 1st November. Thurlby Community Primary School will be sponsored by Keystone Academy Trust, Cherry Willingham Primary School will join The Priory Federation of Academies, Skegness Seathorne Primary School will become part of Greenwood Academies Trust and Boston Saint Nicholas Church of England Primary School will be sponsored by Infinity Academies Trust. Primary academies will then number 105 (37.4%) and will educate 27,100 (47.2%) pupils.

It is intended that Long Sutton the Peele Community College will be sponsored by The Lincolnshire Educational Trust Limited. This will mean that 96.3% of Lincolnshire Secondary Schools educating 95.2% of Lincolnshire's secondary pupils will be academies.

Wellspring Academy Trust intends to have opened Grantham Springwell Alternative Academy and Mablethorpe Springwell Alternative Academy as alternative provision free schools and they will also reopen Lincoln Springwell Alternative Academy as an alternative provision free school.

The total number of all academies will rise to 176 (48.1%) and 72,428 (68.3%) pupils will attend those academies.

Below is a list of the academy trusts that currently have the greatest number of academies in Lincolnshire.

1	Community Inclusive Trust	11
	Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	11
3	The Priory Federation of Academies	10
4	St Therese of Lisieux CMAT	8
	The Boston Witham Academies Federation	8
	The David Ross Education Trust	8
7	Greenwood Academies Trust	6
8	CFBT Schools Trust	5
9	Horncastle Education Trust	4
	Infinity Academies Trust	4
	The Lincolnshire Educational Trust Limited	4
	Wellspring Academy Trust	4

The conversions of Wyberton Primary School and Boston Saint Thomas' Church of England Primary School means that Infinity Academies Trust now has four schools as members. Furthermore, now that the remaining former Lincolnshire St Gilbert Of Sempringham Catholic Academy Trust schools have joined St Therese of Lisieux CMAT, St Therese of Lisieux CMAT is now the joint fourth most active trust in Lincolnshire.

There are thirty-six active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 125 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 74.4% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Forty-three (25.6%) of Lincolnshire academies are not members of multi-academy trusts. Ten multi-academy trusts have just one

Lincolnshire academy as a member; four of these are single Lincolnshire academy multiacademy trusts. The other six also have academies that are not within Lincolnshire. Ten multi-academy trusts have two academies; eight of these trusts are currently based entirely within Lincolnshire.

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-seven Academies, two in Lincolnshire), Both Greenwood Academies Trust and The David Ross Education Trust have 34 academies (six and eight within Lincolnshire respectively) and The Enquire Learning Trust (twenty-nine Academies, one in Lincolnshire). There are fifty-eight academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools.

Conclusion

The Schools Forum is asked to note the contents of the report.

Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not relevant

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