



**Open Report on behalf of Martin Smith, Assistant Director – Children's Education**

Report to:	<b>Lincolnshire Schools' Forum</b>
Date:	<b>6 October 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Academies and Trust Update</b>

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

**Recommendation(s):**  
 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 1 September 2022. The pupil figures are based on the May 2022 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 (1 June 2021), one school has become an academy. Leadenham Church of England Academy joined Infinity Academies Trust on 1 September 2022. This means that 78,781 (72.4%) FTE pupils are now academies.

Spalding The Priory School and Spalding The Garth School merged on 1 September 2022 and are now called Spalding The Tulip Academy.

**Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools**

	Schools		FTE	
<b>Nursery</b>				
All	5		366	
Maintained	5	100.0%	366	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

<b>Primary</b>				
All	281		57,343	
Maintained	163	58.0%	26,785	46.7%
Academy	118	42.0%	30,558	53.3%
<b>Secondary</b>				
All	54		48,766	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,204	4.5%
Academy	52	96.3%	46,562	95.5%
<b>Special</b>				
All	18		2,148	
Maintained	5	27.8%	713	33.2%
Academy	13	72.2%	1,435	66.8%
<b>PRU</b>				
All	5		227	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	5	100.0%	227	100.0%
<b>Total</b>				
All	363		108,850	
Maintained	175	48.2%	30,069	27.6%
Academy	188	51.8%	78,781	72.4%

There is currently one primary school formally seeking to become academy. Old Leake Primary and Nursery School is seeking to join Voyage Education Partnership. Therefore, within the next six months, there are expected to be 119 (42.3%) primary academies educating 30,731 (53.6%) pupils in Lincolnshire.

#### **Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools**

	<b>Schools</b>		<b>FTE</b>	
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All	363		108,850	
Maintained	174	47.9%	29,896	27.5%
Academy	189	52.1%	78,954	72.5%

Infinity Academies Trust has increased its number of academies to nine following the conversion of Leadenham Church of England Academy, and Grantham Little Gonerby Church of England Infant School joining the trust. The merger of the two Spalding special schools has reduced Community Inclusive Trusts number of academies to 12.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>FTE Pupils</b>
1 Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	15	2922
2 Community Inclusive Trust	12	2087
The Priory Federation of Academies	12	7396
4 Infinity Academies Trust	9	2144
5 The David Ross Education Trust	8	2696
Voyage Education Partnership	8	3576
7 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	2622
Keystone Academy Trust	7	2122
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	1256
10 Anthem Schools Trust	5	2698
University of Lincoln Academy Trust	5	2543

There are thirty-five active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 149 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 79.3% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Thirty-nine (20.7%) of Lincolnshire academies are single-academy trusts and are not members of multi-academy trusts. Eight multi-academy trusts have just one Lincolnshire academy as a member; three of these are single Lincolnshire academy multi-academy trusts. The other five also have academies that are not within Lincolnshire. Seven multi-academy trusts have two academies; four of these trusts are currently based entirely within Lincolnshire. There are fifty-two academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools.

	<b>National</b>	<b>Lincs</b>
1 Academies Enterprise Trust	56	2
2 Greenwood Academies Trust	35	7
3 The David Ross Education Trust	34	8
4 Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust	32	4

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-six Academies, two in Lincolnshire), Greenwood Academies Trust has thirty-five academies, seven in Lincolnshire, and The David Ross Education Trust has 34, eight within Lincolnshire. Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has taken on four Lincolnshire Schools and now has 32 academies nationally and the Enquire Learning Trust has thirty Academies, one in Lincolnshire,

### **Conclusion**

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### **Consultation**

#### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

The academy conversion process is fully understood and has been in place for a number of years. There are services funded either by the number of maintained schools (e.g. School Improvement government grant) and the number of maintained school pupils (e.g. de-delegation services). Future anticipated funding levels are considered through the annual detailed budget setting exercise.

The actual split between Local Authority maintained and academies has no financial risk to the Council from the Dedicated Schools Grant schools delegation budget perspective.

### **Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	None

### **Background Papers**

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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