



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

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	19 January 2023
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(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 January 2023. The pupil figures are based on the October 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 September 2022), one school, Old Leake Primary and Nursery School joined Voyage Education Partnership on 1 November 2022. This means that 78,965 (72.5%) FTE pupils are now educated in non-maintained schools.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

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All	281		57,343	
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Secondary				
All	54		48,766	
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All	363		108,850	
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There are currently no schools formally seeking or being required to become an academy. Therefore, the six month projected situation remains the same.

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

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Voyage Education Partnership has increased its number of academies to nine, to become the joint fourth largest trust operating in Lincolnshire, following the conversion of Old Leake Primary and Nursery School.

	Total	FTE Pupils
1 Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	15	2752
2 Community Inclusive Trust	12	2130
The Priory Federation of Academies	12	7474
4 Infinity Academies Trust	9	2110
Voyage Education Partnership	9	3836
6 The David Ross Education Trust	8	2743
7 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	2585
Keystone Academy Trust	7	2082
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	1178
10 Anthem Schools Trust	5	2677
University of Lincoln Academy Trust	5	2594

There are thirty-five active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 150 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 79.4% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Thirty-nine (20.6%) 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 forty-nine academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools.

	National	Lincs
1 Academies Enterprise Trust	57	2
2 Greenwood Academies Trust	37	7
3 The David Ross Education Trust	34	8
4 Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust	32	4
5 The Enquire Learning Trust	30	1

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-seven 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

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

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.

Background Papers

No background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the writing of this report.

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