



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

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	29 June 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 June 2023. The pupil figures are based on the January 2023 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 April 2023) no further schools have converted to academy status.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		258	
Maintained	5	100.0%	258	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		56,811	
Maintained	162	57.7%	26,528	46.7%
Academy	119	42.3%	30,283	53.3%

Secondary				
All	54		49,409	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,185	4.4%
Academy	52	96.3%	47,224	95.6%
Special				
All	18		2,261	
Maintained	5	27.8%	690	30.5%
Academy	13	72.2%	1,571	69.5%
PRU				
All	5		276	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	5	100.0%	276	100.0%
Total				
All	363		109,015	
Maintained	174	47.9%	29,661	27.2%
Academy	189	52.1%	79,354	72.8%

Since the last report, Wrangle Primary School has applied to become an academy and to join University of Lincoln Academy Trust. Digby Church of England School, Willoughby St Helena's Church of England Primary School, Skegness The Richmond School and Cowbit St Mary's (Endowed) Church of England Primary School are the schools that are required to become academies, but no trusts have yet been allocated.

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

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There have been no trust changes since the last report.

	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
Horncastle Education Trust	5	1689
University of Lincoln Academy Trust	5	2594

There are thirty-five active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 152 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 80.4% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Thirty-seven (19.6%) 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. Six multi-academy trusts have two academies; three of these trusts are currently based entirely within Lincolnshire. There are forty-seven academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools, including single academy trusts.

	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.

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 by 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 relied upon in the writing of this report.

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