



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

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	18 April 2024
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.

1. 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 March 2024. The pupil figures are based on the October 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 January 2024) two schools have converted to academy status. Wrangle Primary Academy is a converter academy and joined the University of Lincoln Academy Trust on 1 March 2024, and Skegness The Richmond Primary Academy became an academy sponsored by The David Ross Education Trust, on 1 March 2024. This means that 43.4% of primary schools in Lincolnshire are now academies and that 54.6% of primary aged pupils attend academies.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE		
Nursery					
All	5		266		
Maintained	5	100.0%	266	100.0%	
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Primary					
All	281		55,778		
Maintained	159	56.6%	25,154	45.1%	
Academy	122	43.4%	30,625	54.9%	
Secondary					
All	54		49,682		
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,115	4.3%	
Academy	52	96.3%	47,567	95.7%	
Special					
All	17		2,157		
Maintained	5	29.4%	685	31.7%	
Academy	12	70.6%	1,472	68.3%	
Alternative Provision					
All	5		209		
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Academy	5	100.0%	209	100.0%	
Total					
All	362		108,092		
Maintained	171	47.2%	28,219	26.1%	
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Digby Church of England School, Willoughby St Helena's Church of England Primary School, Sutterton Fourfields Church of England School, Gedney Hill Church of England VC Primary School and Cowbit St Mary's (Endowed) Church of England Primary School have still not yet had trusts confirmed. Helpringham School has applied to become an academy and to join Voyage Education Partnership. None of the aforementioned schools yet have target dates so the situation in six months currently appears to be the same.

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

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The University of Lincoln Academy Trust now has seven academies, with the addition of Wrangle Primary Academy, and the David Ross Education Trust now has nine academies with the addition of Skegness Richmond Academy.

Community Inclusive Trust have reduced their number of academies with the merger of Grantham Ambergate School and Grantham Sandon School to form the Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship, based on the two campuses.

	Total	FTE Pupils
1 Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	16	2928
2 The Priory Federation of Academies	13	7299
3 Community Inclusive Trust	11	2106
4 Infinity Academies Trust	10	2350
5 The David Ross Education Trust	9	3138
Voyage Education Partnership	9	3720
7 Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust	8	1958
8 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	2546
Keystone Academy Trust	7	2095
University of Lincoln Academy Trust	7	3114
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	1121

There are now thirty-five active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 156 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This

represents 81.7% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Thirty-five (18.3%) 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; two of these are single Lincolnshire academy multi-academy trusts. The other six 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-four academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools, including single academy trusts.

	Schools		FTE	
Primaries				
Schools in single-academy trusts	16	13.1%	4795	15.7%
Schools in multi-academy trusts	106	86.9%	25829.6	84.3%
Secondaries				
Schools in single-academy trusts	18	34.6%	18933	40.4%
Schools in multi-academy trusts	34	65.4%	27976	59.6%
Other				
Schools in single-academy trusts	1	5.9%	36	2.1%
Schools in multi-academy trusts	16	94.1%	1645	97.9%
	191		79214.6	

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-seven Academies, two in Lincolnshire), Delta Academies Trust (Fifty-seven Academies, one in Lincolnshire), Greenwood Academies Trust has thirty-seven academies, seven in Lincolnshire, Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has eight Lincolnshire Schools and has thirty-six academies nationally and The David Ross Education Trust has thirty-five, nine within Lincolnshire.

	National	Lincs
1 Academies Enterprise Trust	57	2
Delta Academies Trust	57	1
3 Greenwood Academies Trust	37	7
4 Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust	36	8
5 The David Ross Education Trust	35	9

2. Conclusion

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3. 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.

4. Background Papers

No background papers as defined in the Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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