



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

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	24 June 2021
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 April 2021. The pupil figures are based on the October 2020 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 2021), Friskney All Saints Church of England (Aided) Primary School joined Lincoln Anglican Academies Trust as a converter academy on 1 May. This means that 28,813 (51.7%) FTE primary pupils are now educated in non-maintained schools.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		321	
Maintained	5	100.0%	321	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				

All	281		55,736	
Maintained	167	59.4%	26,923	48.3%
Academy	114	40.6%	28,813	51.7%
Secondary				
All	54		47,975	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,188	4.6%
Academy	52	96.3%	45,787	95.4%
Special				
All	19		2,055	
Maintained	5	26.3%	665	32.4%
Academy	14	73.7%	1,390	67.6%
PRU				
All	6		152	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	6	100.0%	152	100.0%
Total				
All	365		106,239	
Maintained	179	49.0%	30,097	28.3%
Academy	186	51.0%	76,142	71.7%

By 1 December 2021, if current 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		321	
Maintained	5	100.0%	321	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		55,736	
Maintained	164	58.4%	26,306	47.2%
Academy	117	41.6%	29,430	52.8%
Secondary				
All	54		47,975	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,188	4.6%
Academy	52	96.3%	45,787	95.4%
Special				
All	19		2,055	
Maintained	5	26.3%	665	32.4%
Academy	14	73.7%	1,390	67.6%

PRU				
All	6		152	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	6	100.0%	152	100.0%
Total				
All	365		106,239	
Maintained	176	48.2%	29,480	27.7%
Academy	189	51.8%	76,759	72.3%

Horncastle Community Primary School is proposed to join Wellspring Academy Trust and Gedney Church End Primary School and Lutton St Nicholas Primary School are proposed to join Keystone Academy Trust. All these conversions are scheduled to happen on 1 September 2021.

Therefore, on known information, the total number of all academies will rise to 189 (51.8%) and 76,759 (72.3%) FTE pupils will attend those academies. The number of primary academies will rise to 117 (41.6%) educating 29,430 (51.7%) FTE pupils.

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

	Total	FTE Pupils
1 Community Inclusive Trust	13	1845
Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	13	2612
3 The Priory Federation of Academies	12	6665
4 St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust	8	1978
Voyage Education Partnership	8	3791
The David Ross Education Trust	8	3093
7 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	1813
Infinity Academies Trust	7	1411
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	445
10 Anthem Schools Trust	5	2311
Keystone Academy Trust	5	1690
The Lincolnshire Educational Trust Limited	5	2502

There are thirty-five active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 145 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 78% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Forty-one (22.2%) of Lincolnshire academies are single-academy trust 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. Eight multi-academy trusts have two academies; five of these trusts are currently based entirely within Lincolnshire. There are fifty-three academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools.

Total Lincs

		5	
1	Academies Enterprise Trust	7	2
		3	
2	Greenwood Academies Trust	6	7
		3	
3	The David Ross Education Trust	4	8
		2	
4	The Enquire Learning Trust	9	1
		2	
5	Wellspring Academy Trust	7	7

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-seven Academies, two in Lincolnshire), Greenwood Academies Trust has 36 academies, seven in Lincolnshire, and The David Ross Education Trust has 34, eight within Lincolnshire. The Enquire Learning Trust has twenty-nine Academies, one in Lincolnshire.

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

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 within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

This report was written by Ady Clarke, who can be contacted on 01522 553216 or ady.clarke@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

This page is intentionally left blank