

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

Report to:	Schools' Forum
Date:	30 June 2022
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 2022. The pupil figures are based on the January 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 2021), no further schools have become academies. Using the latest pupil figures, this means that 78,592 (72.5%) FTE pupils are educated in non-maintained schools.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		254	
Maintained	5	100.0%	254	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		56,907	
Maintained	164	58.4%	26,711	46.9%

Academy	117	41.6%	30,196	53.1%
Secondary				
All	54		48,916	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,205	4.5%
Academy	52	96.3%	46,711	95.5%
Special				
All	19		2,203	
Maintained	5	26.3%	705	32.0%
Academy	14	73.7%	1,498	68.0%
PRU				
All	5		188	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	5	100.0%	188	232.1%
Total				
All	365		108,360	
Maintained	176	48.2%	29,875	27.6%
Academy	189	51.8%	78,592	72.5%

There are currently two primary schools seeking to become academies. One has not yet been confirmed by the Department for Education. The other is Leadenham Church of England Primary School which is seeking to join Infinity Academies Trust. If both schools convert within the next six months, there will be 119 (42.3%) primary academies educating 30,429 (53.5%) pupils in Lincolnshire.

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		254	
Maintained	5	100.0%	254	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		56,907	
Maintained	162	57.7%	26,478	46.5%
Academy	119	42.3%	30,429	53.5%
Secondary				
All	54		48,916	
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Academy	5	100.0%	188	100.0%
Total				
All	365		108,360	
Maintained	174	47.7%	29,642	27.4%
Academy	191	52.3%	78,718	72.6%

The changes since the last report are that Grantham Harrowby Church of England Infant School and Grantham The National Church of England Junior School have joined Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust. Formerly they were in the Harrowby/National Academies Trust. This promotes Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust to be the largest trust operating in Lincolnshire with 15 schools. In addition, Springwell Lincoln City Academy has formerly closed which reduces Wellspring Academy Trust's number of Lincolnshire Academies from eight to seven.

	Total	FTE Pupils
1 Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	15	2863
2 Community Inclusive Trust	13	2119
3 The Priory Federation of Academies	12	7393
4 St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust	8	1857
The David Ross Education Trust	8	2713
Voyage Education Partnership	8	3560
7 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	2618
Infinity Academies Trust	7	1944
Keystone Academy Trust	7	2437
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	749

There are thirty-four active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 147 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 78.2% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Forty-one (21.8%) 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.

	Total	Lincs
1 Academies Enterprise Trust	56	2
2 Greenwood Academies Trust	36	7
3 The David Ross Education Trust	34	8
4 The Enquire Learning Trust	30	1
5 Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust	28	2

The largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (Fifty-six 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 thirty Academies, one in Lincolnshire, Cambridge Meridian Trust has twenty-eight academies, two in Lincolnshire, and Wellspring Academy Trust has twenty-eight academies, seven of which are within 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

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