



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

Report to:	Lincolnshire Schools' Forum
Date:	18 January 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 January 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 June 2023) one school has converted to academy status. Spalding Monkshouse Primary Academy is a converter academy and joined the University of Lincoln Academy Trust on 1 January 2024. This means that 42.7% of primary schools in Lincolnshire are now academies and that 53.7% of primary aged pupils attend academies.

Current Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		243	
Maintained	5	100.0%	243	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Primary				
All	281		54,938	
Maintained	161	57.3%	25,418	46.3%
Academy	120	42.7%	29,520	53.7%
Secondary				
All	54		49,682	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,115	4.3%
Academy	52	96.3%	47,567	95.7%
Special				
All	18		94	
Maintained	5	27.8%	92	97.9%
Academy	13	72.2%	2	2.1%
Alternative Provision				
All	5		188	
Maintained	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Academy	5	100.0%	188	100.0%
Total				
All	363		105,145	
Maintained	173	47.7%	27,868	26.5%
Academy	190	52.3%	77,277	73.5%

Since the last report, the date for Wrangle Primary School to become an academy and join University of Lincoln Academy Trust has been postponed until 1 February 2024. Digby Church of England School, Willoughby St Helena's Church of England Primary School, and Cowbit St Mary's (Endowed) Church of England Primary School have still not yet had trusts appointed. Skegness The Richmond School is to join the David Ross Education Trust.

Projected Six Month Status of All Lincolnshire State Schools

	Schools		FTE	
Nursery				
All	5		243	
Maintained	5	100.0%	243	100.0%
Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Primary				
All	281		54,938	
Maintained	159	56.6%	24,853	45.2%
Academy	122	43.4%	30,085	54.8%
Secondary				
All	54		49,682	
Maintained	2	3.7%	2,115	4.3%
Academy	52	96.3%	47,567	95.7%

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Total				
All	363		105,145	
Maintained	171	47.1%	27,303	26.0%
Academy	192	52.9%	77,842	74.0%

Infinity Academies Trust now has ten academies with Long Bennington Church of England Academy joining the trust on 1 October 2023. The University of Lincoln Academy Trust now has six academies, with the addition of Spalding Monkshouse Primary Academy.

	Total	FTE Pupils
1 Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust	15	2631
2 Community Inclusive Trust	12	1491
The Priory Federation of Academies	12	7397
4 Infinity Academies Trust	10	2350
5 Voyage Education Partnership	9	3695
6 The David Ross Education Trust	8	2630
7 Greenwood Academies Trust	7	2472
Keystone Academy Trust	7	2047
Wellspring Academy Trust	7	1069
10 University of Lincoln Academy Trust	6	2924

There are now thirty-six active multi-academy trusts operating within Lincolnshire and a total of 154 Lincolnshire academies that are members of multi-academy trusts. This represents 81.1% of all Lincolnshire Academies. Thirty-six (18.9%) of Lincolnshire academies are single-academy trusts and are not members of multi-academy trusts. Nine 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-six academy trusts in Lincolnshire that have less than four schools, including single academy trusts.

	National	Lincs
1 Academies Enterprise Trust	57	2
2 Delta Academies Trust	55	1
3 Greenwood Academies Trust	37	7
4 The David Ross Education Trust	34	8
5 Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust	32	4

Delta Academies Trust has become the second largest national trust operating in Lincolnshire, through the addition of Lincoln Castle Academy on 1 December 2023. The other largest academy trusts nationally that operate within Lincolnshire are Academies Enterprise Trust (fifty-seven Academies, two in Lincolnshire), Greenwood Academies Trust has thirty-seven academies, seven in Lincolnshire, The David Ross Education Trust has thirty-four, eight within Lincolnshire and Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has four Lincolnshire Schools and has 32 academies nationally

2. Conclusion

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

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.

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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