



14 October 2019

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION, LEARNING AND SKILLS**

### **OUTCOMES OF OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS – TERMLY UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Committee of the outcomes of inspections of state funded schools over the Summer term 2019 and any actions being taken by the Council to support those schools identified as Requiring Improvement (RI) or Ofsted category of concern.
2. For the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to Require Improvement, the report seeks approval for the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services to write to the head teacher and chair of governors to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress towards becoming a Good school. In relation to academies, the Chairman and Corporate Director will also write to the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC).
3. For the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good but declining, the report seeks the approval for the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services to write to the head teacher and chair of governors to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress towards remaining a Good school. In relation to academies, the Chairman and Corporate Director will also write to the RSC.
4. For schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain or become Good or Outstanding, the report also seeks approval for the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services to write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to congratulate them on their achievement. Copies of congratulatory letters will also be sent to the RSC in relation to academies judged to be Good, remain Good or Outstanding.

#### **Information**

5. There is a time lag between inspection outcomes as known within the Council and the published summary data. This report will focus on published Ofsted reports for the Summer term, 2018-19 academic year.

6. This report draws on two main sources of data:
- Ofsted's website [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted) which publishes individual school inspection reports, usually within two weeks of inspection. However, this can take considerably longer for a school that is judged as Inadequate as Ofsted carries out increased quality assurance exercises. This can take up to two months to complete.
  - Ofsted's monthly management information <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsteds-school-inspections-outcomes>. This is up to date as at 31 July 2019 and provides data on the proportion of Good schools at local authority level but not the proportion of learners attending Good schools. This provides an overall comparison of the performance of Nottinghamshire schools with those nationally.
7. There are two types of inspection under the common inspection framework that are used to judge the performance of schools in England:
- the Section 5 inspection is a two day inspection of a school that Requires Improvement or is Inadequate or is being inspected for the first time (typically a new academy). This inspection provides judgements against the four key inspection areas (Effectiveness of leadership and management; Quality of teaching, learning and assessment; Personal development, behaviour and welfare; Outcomes for pupils) and the overall judgement for the school. If the school has an Early Years Foundation Stage or a 6<sup>th</sup> Form, these will receive additional judgements.
  - the Section 8 inspection is a one day inspection of schools previously judged as Good by Ofsted (and for Outstanding special schools and Pupil Referral Units). This inspection evaluates whether the school remains at the same grade as at the previous inspection. If the Ofsted pre-inspection desktop analysis indicates that the inspection is likely to convert to a Section 5 inspection, the school will be informed at the initial contact telephone call that the inspection will be carried out as a Section 5 inspection rather than a Section 8.
  - a new inspection framework for all schools is being implemented from September 2019. The framework has now been published and all inspections from September 2019 will work to this new framework.
  - all inspections referred to in this report were carried out under the previous framework.
8. **Appendix 1** shows Local Authority inspections over the Summer term 2019. Compared with previous inspections:
- there were 19 schools inspected in the Summer term
  - 10 of the inspections in the Summer term were of Good schools. Eight of these schools retained their previous Good judgement
  - five schools, Parkgate Academy, Hetts Lane Infant & Nursery, Burntstump Academy, Magnus CE Academy and Orchard Special School, all moved from Requiring Improvement to Good

- Abbey Hill Primary and Normanton On Soar Primary both moved from Good to Requiring Improvement
- Leen Mills Primary and Wainwright Primary Academy remain as Requiring Improvement
- Queen Elizabeth Academy improved from Inadequate to Requiring Improvement. The report highlights the significant progress the Academy has made through the support and sponsorship of Diverse Academies Trust
- Hillocks Primary remains in a category of concern with a judgement of serious weaknesses. The Regional Schools Commissioner has invited Diverse Academies Trust to be the nominated sponsor and this Multi-Academy Trust is currently undertaking due diligence.

9. **Appendix 2** shows the reasons the schools were placed in Requiring Improvement and the actions taken by the Local Authority to support these schools.

10. The summary table below shows that, as a result of the inspections over the last term, Nottinghamshire is now in line with the national average for all schools but Nottinghamshire primary schools are performing below the national average although they remain above the East Midlands. Nottinghamshire secondary schools continue to perform well above the national and regional figures.

<b>Management Information for Schools 31 July 2019</b>			
<b>Number of Good or better schools</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>Notts</b>	<b>E Midlands</b>
<b>All Schools</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Primary</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>71%</b>

**Other Options Considered:**

11. No other options have been considered.

**Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

12. To ensure Members of the Committee are aware of the steps being taken to ensure that all children in Nottinghamshire have the opportunity to attend a Good school.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below.

Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

14. It is part of the Local Authority's statutory duty to support maintained schools which have been risk assessed as Requiring Improvement. Two maintained schools fell into this category and are identified at **paragraph 8**. Due to the Education Improvement Service annual risk assessment process both schools had already been identified as requiring additional support and the cost of this will be met from the Department for Education School Improvement Grant. The School Improvement Grant was £735,000 for 2018-19 and although the full allocation for 2019-20 has not been confirmed yet it is expected to be a similar amount.
15. Additional funding will be required to meet the costs of additional support for the maintained school continued to be judged by Ofsted as Inadequate. This is likely to be up to £35,000 and will be funded from the School Improvement Grant.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That:

- 1) for the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to Require Improvement, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school. In relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.
- 2) for the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good but declining, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school. In relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.
- 3) for schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good, or become Good or Outstanding, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to congratulate them on their achievement. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner in relation to academies.

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### **Constitutional Comments (EP 19/09/19)**

16. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Children and Young People's Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (SAS 20/09/19)**

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18. Additional funding will be required to meet the costs of additional support for the maintained school continued to be judged by Ofsted as Inadequate. This is likely to be up to £35,000 and will also be funded from the grant.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Outcomes of Ofsted Inspections of schools – termly update](#) - report to Children and Young People's Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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