

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2018****Agenda Item: 4****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 2018 and any actions being taken by the Council to support those schools identified as Requiring Improvement (RI) or in an 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 report seeks approval for the Chairman and Corporate Director to 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 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 report seeks approval for the Chairman and Corporate Director to 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, 2017-18 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 2018 and provides data on the proportion of Good schools at local authority level, but not on the proportion of learners attending Good schools. This monthly report 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; and 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.
8. There are no amendments to the inspection framework for the summer term 2018. However, from September 2018 Ofsted has adopted a revised schedule for the timing of school inspections as follows (changes are in bold):
- New schools
    - Ofsted usually inspects all new schools, including academies, in the first three years after they open. **This normally happens in the school's third year**
  - Schools judged 'Outstanding'
    - Some schools judged Outstanding are exempt from routine inspection. However, Ofsted can inspect them if the HMCI has concerns about their performance. Ofsted may also inspect these schools as part of their survey work.
    - This exemption does not apply to maintained nursery schools, special schools or pupil referral units
  - Schools judged 'Good'
    - A school judged Good will normally receive a one-day short inspection, approximately every four years, as long as the quality of education remains good.

However, some Good schools will automatically receive a two-day full inspection if Ofsted's risk assessment process indicates that the school's performance may have deteriorated significantly.

- If a school shows improved performance at its short inspection, to the extent that it could become Outstanding if it received a full inspection, then the next inspection will be a full inspection. This will normally happen within one to two years. Similarly, if a lead inspector is not satisfied at a short inspection that the school would receive at least its current grade if it received a full inspection, the next inspection will be a full inspection within two years.
- Ofsted will convert short inspections to full inspections within 48 hours if evidence suggests that the school may be Inadequate or there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education.

○ Schools judged as Requiring Improvement:

- Ofsted may monitor a school judged as requiring improvement. **This will not normally apply to a school that has been judged to Require Improvement for the first time.** The school will usually have **a full re-inspection within 30 months of the school's last full inspection.**

○ Schools judged 'Inadequate'

- When Ofsted judges a school as Inadequate, it places the school in a category of concern. This means that Ofsted judges the school to either have serious weaknesses or to require special measures.
- The school will then become a sponsored academy. **Ofsted will not usually monitor the school unless there are safeguarding concerns or there is a delay in the school becoming a sponsored academy.**

9. **Appendix 1** shows Local Authority inspections over the summer term 2018. Compared with previous inspections:

- there were 29 schools inspected in the summer term
- 24 of the inspections in the summer term were of Good schools. 20 of these schools retained their previous Good judgement, of which three were Good and improving and three were Good but declining.
- Manor Academy moved from an Ofsted category to be judged as a Good school.
- in addition, Beeston Fields Primary and Greythorn Primary improved from Requiring Improvement to Good.
- Holy Family Catholic Primary, Ordsall Primary and Maun Infant all moved from Good to Requiring Improvement.
- Carr Hill Primary was judged as Requiring Improvement for the second time.
- Langold Dyscarr Primary moved from Good to Inadequate and was judged to require Special Measures.
- Kirkby College received its first monitoring inspection since it was judged to require Special Measures.

10. **Appendix 2** shows the reasons the schools were judged as Requiring Improvement or Special Measures and the actions taken by the Local Authority to support these schools.
11. Ofsted has undertaken a consultation on the methodology for the publication of their monthly management information. As a result of this consultation they have changed the way that they show and report on the latest inspection of all providers. They now include the grades from the predecessor schools for those schools that have not yet been inspected in their current form. This is to provide a more comprehensive view of the sector. This has been implemented from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The summary table below shows that, as a result of the inspections over the last term, Nottinghamshire continues to remain above the national average for all schools, primary and secondary in terms of the proportion of Good or better schools and is well above other East Midlands' local authorities' average in all three areas.

Management Information for Schools		31 August 2018		
Number of Good or better schools		National	Notts	E Midlands
All Schools		86%	87%	83%
Primary		87%	87%	85%
Secondary		75%	88%	71%

#### Other Options Considered:

12. No other options have been considered.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. 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

14. 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

15. It is part of the Local Authority's statutory duty to support maintained schools, which have been risk assessed as Requiring Improvement. Three schools fell into this category and are identified at **paragraph 9**. The Education Improvement Service carries out an annual risk assessment process and all three schools had already been identified as requiring additional support, which was costed into the Support to Schools Service budget plan, using funding from the DfE School Improvement Grant. There are no funding changes as a result of these schools being judged as Requiring Improvement. This is also the case for the school judged to require Special Measures during the summer term 2018.

## **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 or become Good, 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 (LM 21/09/18)**

16. The Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

### **Financial Comments (SAS 21/09/18)**

17. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 15 above.

### **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 21 May 2018

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

All.

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