

**Meeting:** Education Advisory Board

**Subject:** Ofsted school inspections late summer and autumn terms 2019 - summary

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 This report sets out the outcomes of 9 Ofsted school inspections that were carried out by Ofsted during the late summer and autumn terms 2019. This follows a report that was provided to Board Members in July 2019 with a summary of the outcomes of Ofsted inspections for the spring and early summer terms 2019.
- 1.2 The report also provides a summary of the overall position for Ofsted judgements across schools in Portsmouth.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that members of the Education Advisory Board note the outcomes of the school inspections that were undertaken during the late summer and autumn terms 2019 and the actions being taken to address the Inadequate judgement given to Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School.**

**3. Ofsted school inspections - late summer and autumn terms 2019**

- 3.1 During the late summer and autumn terms 2019 there were 9 Ofsted school inspections; 2 of which were short one day inspections (section 8); and 7 of which were two day inspections (section 5). A summary of the inspections and outcomes is given in Table 1 overleaf:

**Table 1: Summary of Ofsted school inspections in Portsmouth - late summer and autumn terms 2019**

| School                          | LA / MAT | Type of inspection   | Dates  | Outcome                                       |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------|--|---|
| Corpus Christi Catholic Primary | LA       | Section 5 Inspection | 25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June     | Inadequate - previously Required Improvement. |
| Medina Primary                  | LA       | Section 5 Inspection | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> July      | Continues to be good.                         |
| Milton Park Primary             | LA       | Section 5 Inspection | 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> October   | Inadequate - previously Required Improvement  |
| Cottage Grove Primary           | LA       | Section 5 Inspection | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October  | Continues to be Good                          |
| ARK Dickens Primary Academy     | ARK      | Section 5 Inspection | 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Good - previously Required Improvement        |
| Redwood Park Academy            | SAT      | Section 5 Inspection | 19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> November | Outstanding - previously Good                 |
| Isambard Brunel Junior          | TSAT     | Section 5 Inspection | 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> December   | Good - previously Required Improvement        |
| Springfield                     | De Curci | Section 8 Inspection | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                      | Continues to be Good                          |
| St. Swithun's Catholic Primary  | LA       | Section 8 Inspection | 24 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Continues to be Good                          |

- 3.2 Overall the outcomes have been very positive with the exception of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School which was judged to be Inadequate. The judgement was made due to safeguarding being ineffective, but the quality of teaching, learning and assessment was also a concern and requires improvement. Due to the judgement of Inadequate the schools is required to become an academy and an Academy Order has been issued by the DfE.
- 3.3 Immediately following the inspection the council sought to put in place a range of measures to address the safeguarding concerns and to support teaching and learning. Ofsted require a statement of action from the council to set out the actions that relate to safeguarding and academisation, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 2. All of these actions have either been completed or are on track, with the exception of academisation. The academy sponsor that has been identified by the Portsmouth Catholic Diocese has yet to make an application and the Diocese, the council and the Regional Schools Commissioner are working together to clarify next steps.
- 3.4 In addition to the support provided by the council to address safeguarding concerns, the Head of School Improvement is also providing support to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

#### **4. Overall summary**

- 4.1 In Portsmouth, 91.8% of inspected schools are now either Good or Outstanding (88.9% of all schools) and 93.3% of pupils are taught in inspected schools that are Good or Outstanding (91.3% of all pupils). Appendix 1 provides a series of graphs and charts which show the trends between January 2019 and December 2019 and comparisons between the end of June 2019 and the end of the autumn term 2019.

#### **Appendix 1: Ofsted judgements for Portsmouth LA Maintained Schools and Academies**

#### **Appendix 2: LA Statement of Action**