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Title of meeting:	Education Advisory Board
Subject:	Ofsted school inspections Summer and Autumn terms 2021
Date of meeting:	18 th February 2022
Report by:	Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director - Education
Wards affected:	All

1. Requested by Sarah Daly, Director - Children, Families and Education

2. Purpose

2.1 This report sets out the outcomes of 9 Ofsted school inspections that were carried out by Ofsted during the Summer and Autumn terms 2021 since all inspections were suspended by Ofsted due to the pandemic. This follows a report that was provided to Board Members in February 2020 with a summary of the outcomes of Ofsted inspections for the late summer and autumn terms 2019 and a subsequent paper which updated the situation to June 2020.

2.2 The report also provides:

- a summary of the overall position for Ofsted judgements across schools in Portsmouth (Appendix 1)
- a brief update on the resumption of Ofsted inspections in 2021.

3. Ofsted school inspections - summer and autumn terms 2021

- 3.1 During the summer and autumn terms 2021 there were 9 Ofsted school inspections, 7 of which were section 8 inspections and 2 of which were section 5 inspections. A summary of all 9 inspections is given in the below in Table 1.
- 3.2 The purpose of a section 8 inspection of a good or outstanding school is **to confirm whether the school remains good or outstanding under the definition of overall effectiveness** set out in the school inspection handbook. A section 5 inspection is a full inspection with graded judgements in the areas of overall effectiveness, quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal

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development, leadership and management; and where applicable early years education or sixth form provision.

Table 1: Summary of Ofsted school inspections in Portsmouth - Summer and autumn terms 2021

School	LA / Academy	Type of inspection	Dates	Outcome
UTC Portsmouth	Stand alone Academy Trust	Section 5 Inspection	29 th & 30 th June 2021	Outstanding (from previous Inadequate)
Moorings Way Infant	Thinking Schools Academy Trust	Section 8 inspection	21 st & 22 nd Sept 2021	Continues to be Good
Meon Junior	Thinking Schools Academy Trust	Section 8 Inspection	29 th & 30 th Sept 2021	Continues to be Good
Arundel Court Primary & Nursery	University of Chichester MAT	Section 8	19 th & 20 th October 2021	Continues to be Good
Mayfield All-thought	LA Maintained	Section 8	10 th & 11 th Nov 2021	Outcome 3 Remains Good
Mary Rose Special	Solent Academies Trust	Section 8	23 rd & 24 th Nov 2021	Continues to be Outstanding
Langstone Infant	University of Chichester MAT	Section 8	30 th Nov & 1 st Dec 2021	Continues to be Good
Highbury Primary & Nursery	University of Chichester MAT	Section 5	1 st & 2 nd Dec 2021	Good (Good previously)
Langstone Junior	University of Chichester MAT	Section 8	8 th & 9 th Dec 2021	Continues to be Good

- 3.3 Whilst Mayfield **retains its judgement as a Good school**, the findings of the Ofsted inspection determined an Outcome 3: "The lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out at the time of the section 8 inspection." The school is informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection within the statutory timeframe, which will typically take place within 1 to 2 years of the publication of the section 8 report. The school is working with the local authority to address the areas for improvement.
- 3.4 The UTC Ofsted inspection was carried out under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 but given the significant improvement made was then deemed to be a section 5 inspection under the same act, with resulting **graded judgements of outstanding in all areas**.

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- 3.5 All 9 schools inspected in this time period have maintained, retained or improved their previous Ofsted inspection judgement, with Mary Rose **continuing to hold their outstanding judgement** from their previous inspection.

4. Ofsted inspections in 2021/2022

- 4.1 Ofsted resumed its routine inspection schedule under the Education Inspection Framework (EIF) from September 2021, having only conducted monitoring visits throughout the pandemic since March 2020, mainly focused initially on remote education provision and safeguarding but also on schools graded requires improvement or inadequate.
- 4.2 Following continued challenges from the pandemic for schools in the autumn term of 2021, with staff and pupil absences due to Coronavirus positive cases or self-isolation many deferrals were requested by schools. Ofsted became increasingly alert to, and understanding, of this.
- 4.3 At the beginning of January 2022 secondary schools were not inspected initially when children returned after the Christmas break as on-site testing was being administered and Ofsted inspectors who are also serving practitioners were not required to undertake any inspection work until after 26th January 2022.

5. Overall summary

- 5.1 In Portsmouth, 90.2% of inspected schools are now either Good or Outstanding (91.7% of all schools) and 91.7% of pupils are taught in inspected schools that are Good or Outstanding (93.6% of all pupils).
- 5.2 Appendix 1 provides a series of graphs and charts which show the trends between end of June 2020 and end of December 2021. Please note in June 2020 there were 63 schools (all with inspection data) and now there are 61 schools (60 with inspection data). This includes judgements for predecessor schools that have become academies but not Wimborne Primary, as the infant and junior schools closed and it is now designated as a new school.
- 5.3 With 1 more school moving from Inadequate to Outstanding, even though there are now less schools judged neither Good or Outstanding, the number and percentage has decreased slightly due to closures described above.

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Signed by Director of Children, Families and Education

Appendices:**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Appendix 1: Ofsted judgements for Portsmouth LA Maintained Schools and Academies	