

Report Title: Ofsted Inspections Spring and Summer Term 2024

Date of meeting:	24 September 2024		
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Childrens Services and Safeguarding)		
Report of:	Executive Director of Children’s Social Care and Education		
Portfolio:	Children, Schools and Families		
Wards affected:	All		
Is this a key decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No		

Summary:

To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children’s Services and Safeguarding) on Ofsted Inspection Reports and the work of the School Improvement Team.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) That the report be noted.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To appraise the Committee of developments.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Schools can be inspected under Section 5 or Section 8 guidance.
- 1.2 Under the education inspection framework section 5 inspections, inspectors will make the following judgements about schools: overall effectiveness; quality of education; behaviour

and attitudes; personal development and leadership and management. If the school offers early years provision and sixth-form provision, inspectors will also make judgements on these areas.

- 1.3 Under the education inspection framework section 8 inspections may be carried out for a range of reasons: schools judged to be good or outstanding at their most recent section 5 inspection; monitoring inspections of schools judged as requires improvement; monitoring inspections of schools judged to have serious weaknesses; monitoring inspections of schools judged to require special measures; any inspection that is carried out in other circumstances where the inspection has no specific designation, known as 'section 8 no formal designation inspection' and unannounced behaviour inspections.
- 1.4 The usual interval for section 5 inspections is within 5 school years from the end of the school year in which the last section 5 or relevant section 8 inspection took place.

2. Support from School Improvement Team:

- 2.1 All schools currently judged Requires Improvement or Inadequate receive support and challenge from the School Improvement Team. In addition, the team also broker support. Schools with two RI judgements or judged inadequate receive support from the DFE including a National Leader of Education working with the school and the Local Authority on a school improvement programme.
- 2.2 All schools currently judged Good or Outstanding have access to a health check when in the Ofsted window. This enables the school to identify any areas that they need support with. The team will then provide or broker support if required.
- 2.3 Once the school receives the call a member of the team will contact them to check if any support is required and keep in contact throughout the inspection.
- 2.4 The Service Manager for School Improvement or the Assistant Director of Education Excellence meets with the lead inspector during the inspection and attend the final feedback.
- 2.5 Following the inspection report being released the team will again provide or broker support as appropriate.
- 2.6 The Local Authority are held to account by the DFE and the Senior HMI for school performance. The main focus of discussions is regarding all schools judged as Requiring Improvement or Inadequate, the capacity to improve and the impact of support provided.

3. Inspections – Spring and Summer Term 2024

- 3.1 The following schools outlined within the attached appendix have been inspected and reports received since the last meeting:
 1. St Mary's Catholic Primary School
 2. Crosby High School
 3. Farnborough Road Junior School

4. Springwell Park Primary School
5. Litherland High School
6. IMPACT PRU
7. St William of York Catholic Primary School
8. St Nicholas CE Primary School
9. St Luke's CE Primary School
10. Greenacre Nursery
11. St Luke's Primary Halsall
12. Birkdale Primary School
13. St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
14. Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School
15. Trinity St Peter's CE Primary School
16. Ursuline Catholic Primary School
17. Crossens Nursery
18. Freshfield Primary School
19. St Thomas CE Primary School
20. Holy Family Catholic Primary School
21. Lydiate Primary School
22. St Michael's CE High School
23. St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary

4. Financial Implications

Not applicable

5. Legal Implications

School Inspection Handbook, Education Act 2005

6. Risk Implications

Not applicable

7. Staffing HR Implications

Not applicable

8. Conclusion

That members note the report

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable

Equality Implications: There are no equality implications
Impact on Children and Young People: The School Improvement Team offers support to all schools receiving an Ofsted inspection.
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will have a neutral impact

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Services & Commercial (FD.7780/24.) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5880/24.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Ofsted Summary of Outcomes and Support Spring and Summer 2024 – Published results for the schools outlined.

