

TITLE	School Performance information and recent Ofsted Reports
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2014
WARD	Non-specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Better Ofsted Outcomes in schools based on better pupil achievement

RECOMMENDATION

To note and support the actions identified.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Changes in Ofsted methodology in the past two years have presented challenges to schools. The overall impact in Wokingham is positive, with areas for further focus in relation to the proportion of schools requiring improvement

Background

Since the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee report in 2013, several further schools' OFSTED inspections have been published at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/schools/for-schools/find-school-inspection-report> (please see section 1.6).

The Ofsted data viewer at <http://dataview.ofsted.gov.uk/> currently shows data on schools' Ofsted performance, relating to 30th March 2014. Data from this public source is used in the annexes to this report. Below is an analysis of the current position of Wokingham schools, set against a context of national changes and national performance.

Analysis of Issues

Changes in Ofsted Criteria

The new inspection framework in September 2012 placed a greater focus on the progress made by all pupils in all year groups across a school, rather than their attainment at the end of the key stage. This has been the most significant of a number of changes in the framework in the past two years. Another has been an emphasis on the performance of vulnerable pupils within the overall cohorts. This signaled a change in how schools' effectiveness is judged. Where there are wide gaps between the performance of vulnerable pupils and others, and where pupils, especially able pupils, do not make good (ie better than expected) progress, schools have been vulnerable to adverse Ofsted judgements. This has affected schools nationally and in Wokingham.

Impact in Wokingham

The key Ofsted judgement for Local Authorities is the percentage of their pupils attending good or outstanding schools. [Annex 1](#) shows the 2012 and 2013 percentages for England, the SE region and Wokingham. SE regional figures are also a rough proxy for statistical neighbours, whose figures are not made available by Ofsted. Analysis shows:

- More WBC pupils attended good or better schools than regionally or nationally in 2013 (86%/78%)
- The proportion of WBC good or better schools rose more than regionally or nationally from 2012 to 2013 (+13%/+9&10%)
- WBC schools requiring improvement fell more than regional or national (-13%/-9%)
- WBC maintained a position of nil inadequate schools
- Whilst good or better figures favour WBC, the % outstanding fell more than national or regional, as the % of good rose significantly more, from below benchmarks to equal.

Looking at figures by phase, the more detailed picture is:

- Outstanding primary schools fell by 1% in WBC, SE regional and England, WBC remaining above benchmarks
- Outstanding secondary schools fell more in WBC than elsewhere but were still significantly above others
- Good primary school figures grew less in WBC than elsewhere, falling below others
- Good secondary schools grew much more in WBC than elsewhere, improving from well below to comfortably above others
- RI primary figures improved less than others, moving from around benchmarks to worse
- RI secondaries improved strongly to nil%
- In a context of low numbers, WBC special schools and PRUs compare well with others

Thus the overall Wokingham position is strong. Within that, there are

- Concerns for outstanding schools and congratulations for those which have remained so in a regime which has been challenging nationally

- Commendable strengths in secondary & special schools, the Nursery school and PRUs
- Concerns around good/RI primary schools; the balance between these having improved, but less than benchmarks

Annex 2 shows the percentage of schools by Ofsted judgement. That is different from the percentage of pupils attending them because of their different pupil numbers. The latest figures available suggest:

- Overall figures for the percentage of good or better schools are better than others
- Wokingham's figure of nil inadequate schools is a consistent strength
- The nursery school is to be congratulated
- WBC has more outstanding primary schools than others
- We have fewer good primary schools and fewer good or better
- There are more primary schools requiring improvement in these figures
- Secondary performance is strong, but less far ahead at the outstanding level
- Special school and PRU performance is strong

Annex 3 is a school-by-school account of Ofsted judgements. Analysis of their inspection reports shows that:

- Where schools have retained an outstanding judgement, achievement remained outstanding and pupil progress was excellent. The school makes excellent provision for those pupils who are eligible for pupil premium funding
- Where schools remained good rather than progress to an outstanding judgement, inspectors judged there was not enough consistently outstanding teaching or that pupil premium funding was not sufficiently sharply targeted or evaluated.
- Where schools dropped from an outstanding judgement to good, inspectors judged that pupils' progress over time was good rather than outstanding.
- Where schools dropped from a good judgement to one requiring improvement, inspectors judged teaching to not be consistently good or provide sufficient challenge so that rates of progress were variable for different groups of pupils.
- Where schools did not improve on a judgement of requiring improvement, teaching was judged to be inconsistent over time and more able pupils insufficiently challenged.
- Where schools did improve from a judgement of requiring improvement to one of good, inspectors judged that teaching was good so that pupils make at least good progress. Inspectors also recognized the strong leadership of the Headteacher, well supported by senior leaders and members of the governing body.

LA School Improvement Actions

School Improvement Officers (SIOs) have continued to challenge and support schools including using the experience of head teachers who had improved the inspection category in their own schools. For example a recent inspection showed how the SIO had demonstrated swift and decisive action in leading a school review as a result of concerns expressed about the school. This led to urgent action by the school in response to the LA report which was acknowledged by the lead inspector who stated that there was 'robust' support provided by the Local Authority. Positive comments on LA action have routinely been made by inspectors.

School Improvement Officers coordinate planned actions to challenge and support all schools. This includes working with senior leaders and governors; brokering and commissioning effective support; setting up School Improvement Boards (SIBs); and leading school reviews. Decisive and urgent action is taken where necessary and this has led to improved outcomes for children and young people as well as improved Ofsted judgements, (see above). There are nevertheless concerns about the proportion of good and RI primary schools as noted above, and action is being taken to refocus activity so as to improve these indicators in the interests of pupils' achievements and life-chances. On that basis we would

expect four of our schools currently graded as requiring improvement to be judged as good if inspected by Ofsted in the next term.

Annex 1 Percentage of pupils by school's Ofsted grade

		31.12.13			31.08.12		
		ENGLAND	SE	WBC	ENGLAND	SE	WBC
All Schools							
Outstanding	1	22	22	30	23	24	35
Good	2	56	56	56	45	45	38
RI	3	19	19	14	28	28	27
Inadequate	4	3	4	0	3	4	0
Nursery (1 school in WBC)							
	1	58	57	100	57	55	100
	2	37	39	0	39	41	0
	3	4	4	0	4	2	0
	4	1	0	0	0	2	0
Primary							
	1	18	17	19	19	18	20
	2	61	58	56	49	48	50
	3	18	21	24	29	31	30
	4	2	3	0	3	3	0
Secondary							
	1	26	27	43	29	31	52
	2	49	52	57	40	40	25
	3	21	17	0	28	25	23
	4	5	4	0	3	4	0
Special							
	1	40	32	62	41	35	61
	2	49	53	38	43	49	39
	3	10	13	0	15	14	0
	4	1	1	0	1	2	0
PRU							
	1	13	23	0	16	17	0
	2	64	49	100	44	35	100
	3	17	20	0	35	44	0
	4	5	8	0	5	5	0

Annex 2 Percentage of schools by Ofsted grade

	WOKINGHAM	SOUTH EAST	ENGLAND
Nursery			
% outstanding (1)	100	55	57
% good (2)	0	43	38
% requiring improvement (3)	0	2	4
% inadequate (4)	0	0	1
Primary			
1	18	17	17
2	59	60	63
3	22	20	17
4	0	3	2
Secondary			
1	25	22	22
2	75	52	49
3	0	20	23
4	0	6	6
Special			
1	50	29	35

Annex 3: Individual school judgements

Name	Latest Ofsted Inspection	Out standing	Good	Requires Improvement	Previous inspection	Judge ment
NURSERY						
The Ambleside Centre	14/01/2013	1			21/05/2010	1
PRIMARY						
Emmbrook Infant School	23/10/2013		2		10/11/2008	2
Nine Mile Ride Primary School	09/01/ 2014		2		17/11/2008	2
St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School	19/09/2013			3	09/12/2008	2
Winnersh Primary School	05/06/2014			3	02/02/2009	2
Farley Hill Primary School	07/03/2014			3	12/03/2009	2
Walter Infant School and Nursery	11/12/2013	1			18/03/2009	1
The Colleton Primary School	06/09/2013		2		26/03/2009	1
Hawkedon Primary School	25/02/2010		2			
Shinfield Infant and Nursery School	20/04/2010		2			
St Teresa's	26/05/2010	1				

Catholic Primary School						
Woodley CofE Primary School	10/01/2010		2			
Wescott Infant School	11/11/2010	1				
Polehampton C of E Infant School	25/01/2011	1				
Bearwood Primary School	02/03/2011		2			
Gorse Ride Infants' School	03/03/2011		2			
Robert Piggott C of E Infant School	30/01/2014		2		28/04/2011	1
Grazeley Parochial C of E Aided Primary School	10/06/2011		2			
Sonning C of E Primary School	13/06/2011		2			
Crazies Hill C of E Primary School	01/07/2011		2			
St Paul's C of E Junior School	29/06/2011	1				
Keep Hatch Primary School	03/04/2014			3	06/07/2011	2
Oaklands Junior School	13/09/2011		2			
The Coombes C of E Primary School	20/10/2011		2			
Highwood Primary School	10/03/2014		2		08/12/2011	3
Earley St Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School	30/01/2014			3	08/12/2011	3
Shinfield St Mary's C of E Junior School	22/01/2014		2		24/11/2011	3
Aldryngton Primary School	05/01/2011	1				
Westende Junior School	24/02/2012		2			
St Nicholas C of E Primary	27/02/2012		2			
Oaklands Infant School	30/03/2012		2			
Willow Bank Infant School	18/04/2012		2			
Finchampstead C of E VA Primary School	22/06/2012	1				
Saint Sebastian's C of E Aided Primary School	20/06/2014		2		06/09 2012	3

Gorse Ride Junior School	10/09/2012		2			
Willow Bank Junior School	18/10/2012		2		25/11/10	3
Whiteknights Primary School	18/10/2012			3	01/02/2011	3
All Saints C of E (Aided) Primary School	18/10/2012			3	27/11/2009	3
Robert Piggott CofE Junior School	14/11/2012			3	02/04/2008	2
Rivermead Primary School	13/12/2012			3	02/11/2010	3
Loddon Primary School	12/12/2012		2		26/10/10	3
Polehampton C of E Junior School	20/12/2012	1			03/03/2008	2
Emmbrook Junior School	20/12/2012			3	03/02/2011	3
Radstock Primary School	14/01/2013		2		17/12/2007	2
Hillside Primary School	14/01/2013			3	12/02/2010	3
Hatch Ride Primary School	04/03/2013		2		12/01/2010	3
Beechwood Primary School	04/03/2013		2		07/04/2011	3
Lambs Lane Primary School	26/06/2013			3	12/09/2011	3
South Lake Primary School	22/04/2013	1			27/11/2008	2
The Hawthorns Primary School	16/05/2013		2		03/02/2010	1
SPECIAL						
Foundry College	08/03/2013		2		26/04/2010	2
Bashetc	10/06/2013	1			21/04/2010	1
Addington School	05/09/2013	1			04/04/2008	1
Southfield	02/05/2013		2		06/07/2011	3
SECONDARY						
Maiden Erlegh School	07/06/2007	1				
The Holt School	05/06/2008	1				
St Crispin's School	06/09/2013		2		21/06/2010	1
The Piggott School	02/12/2010	1			01/12/2010	1
The Bulmershe School	12/12/2013		2		13/06/2012	3
The Emmbrook School	28/03/2013		2		21/06/2010	3
The Forest	14/09/2011		2		31/03/2009	2
Waingels College	17/05/2013		2		03/12/2009	2

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Within Service budgets	n/a	R
Next Financial Year (Year 2)		n/a	R
Following Financial Year (Year 3)		n/a	R

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

Childrens' Services benefits from schools' effectiveness particularly with vulnerable pupils.

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?)

On Children's Services as noted

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

Ofsted Inspection Framework

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