

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Report of the Deputy Chief Executive
(People)**

to

People Scrutiny Committee

on

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Schools Progress Report

**People Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Member: Councillor Helen Boyd
A Part 1 Item**

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the current position with regard to the performance of all schools, including those schools causing concern, and to update on known Academy developments.

2. Recommendation

For members to note and approve the information in the report.

3. Background

Ofsted Inspections

Cecil Jones Academy was inspected 5th December 2017. The report was not published at the time of the previous scrutiny committee meeting but is now in the public domain. OFSTED has judged the school to be inadequate. The Director of Learning has been in constant dialogue with the DFE to ascertain arrangements for supporting the school to improve.

The following primary and secondary schools have been inspected since January 2018

(Due to the number of schools being inspected information is presented in table form for ease of reference)

Name of school	Date of inspection	OFSTED judgement	Short or full inspection
Chase High School	15/03/2018	Requires improvement	full
Eastwood Primary School & Nursery	06/03/2018	Good	Short
Edwards Hall Primary School	22/05/2018	Good	Short
Fairways Primary School	06/02/2018	Good	Short

Leigh North Street Primary School	22/05/2018	Requires improvement	full
Milton Hall Primary School and Nursery	22/02/2018	Good	Short
St Thomas More High School	24/04/2018	Good	Short
The Eastwood Academy	08/03/2018	Good	Short

Following inspection of Leigh North Street Primary School, which remains a Local Authority maintained school, the Head of School Improvement Service has had several meetings with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors in order to support the school and ensure the implementation of a robust post Ofsted action plan utilising support from the Teaching School Alliance, local leaders of education and Southend Borough Council officers.

Overall, pupils attending a good or outstanding school in Southend is now 83.9% against our local authority target of 82.5% it should be remembered that a good judgement now is made against a more robust inspection framework than when a school was previously inspected.

Academies

We now have 34 Academies (Federation of Greenways and PLT Campus counted as one school each) in Southend. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery became academies, joining St Thomas More Secondary School (which was already a single Academy) to form the Assisi Catholic Trust on 1st May 2018.

The conversion of Futures College has been further delayed but now converted on 1st July 2018. Temple Sutton Primary school has also been further delayed and now due to convert 1st September 2018.

Two further Catholic Primary Schools, St George's and St Helen's are due to join the Assisi Trust on 1st Sept 2018.

Diminishing the Difference (previously known as 'narrowing the gap') Pupil Premium Strategy

The 'every child, every school, same opportunities' pupil premium strategy being led by Milton Hall Primary School and Barons Court Primary School (commissioned by the LA) is well underway. There has been an excellent engagement rate from primary schools accessing at least one element of the strategy. The universal offer is open to all primary schools with a bespoke offer for targeted schools which have been identified through analysis of pupil premium progress and achievement data.

Evaluation and review of the project to date indicates that 33/34 (97.1%) primary schools within Southend are engaging with elements of the project based on their school's current needs.

A visit to Thames View Infants School was implemented on 27.04.18 with 4 primary schools attending to view outstanding provision within the EYFS and KS1 curriculum.

Further to the visit to Thames View primary in Barking a visit is being arranged for the Headteacher (Paul Jordan) to visit Southend and work in partnership with Hamstel Infants, Prince Avenue and Milton Hall.

Grammar School Strategy












This year's grammar school media campaign is now in full swing (Media Campaign dates: 4th June – 20th July 2018.)

The 'no fuss 11+' website has proved extremely successful with 1363 views of the home page alone (analytics details in appendix 2). The social media campaign is now in phase 2 Summary of results, as at 20th June 2018 (after 2.5 weeks) evidence is that the messages were viewed over 78,000 times by parents in the borough, digitally.

Overall performance of schools

Attendance analysis for 2016-17 was released in March (updated May) 2018.

Overall absence has remained the same in Southend as previous years. We are in the top 25% and our absence rates remain below our statistical neighbours.

Primary/Secondary/Special	% Overall Absence				
	2015/16	2016/17	Rank	Quartile	Rank Change
Bournemouth	4.7	4.9	109	3	 -17
East Sussex	5.1	5.2	143	4	 -1
Isle of Wight	4.8	4.9	109	3	 2
Kent	4.7	4.8	99	3	 -7
Medway	4.8	4.7	78	3	 33
Plymouth	4.6	4.9	109	3	 -38
Poole	4.5	4.4	28	1	 25
Sheffield	5.0	5.1	133	4	 2
Swindon	4.4	4.6	57	2	 -20
Telford and Wrekin	4.5	4.5	43	2	 10
Southend-on-Sea	4.3	4.3	15	1	 7
Statistical Neighbour Average	4.7	4.8			
ENGLAND	4.6	4.7			

4. Other Options

N/A

5. Reasons for Recommendations

N/A

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

This report contributes to the Council's ambition that all schools will be good or outstanding.

6.2 Financial Implications

The work currently undertaken with school improvement is covered by the core staffing budget and the SLA with the teaching school alliance.

6.3 Legal Implications

None

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

None

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

None

6.10 Community Safety Implications

None

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 - List of Southend Academies

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Academy name	Date of conversion	Multi-Academy Trust	Single Academy
Belfairs Academy	01/06/2012	Legra Academy Trust	
Blenheim Primary and Nursery	01/09/2016	Learning in Harmony Trust	
Bournemouth Park Primary School	01/02/2017	Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)	
Bournes Green Infant	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Bournes Green Junior	01/08/2017	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Cecil Jones Academy	01/09/2015	Legra Academy Trust	
Chase High School	01/04/2015	Brentwood Academies Trust	
Darlinghurst School	01/01/2014	Legra Academy Trust	
Friars Primary School and Nursery	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hamstel Infant School and Nursery	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hamstel Junior School	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hinguar Community Primary School	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Kingsdown School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
Lancaster School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
Our lady of Lourdes Primary School	01/05/2018		
Porters Grange Primary School	01/04/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Prince Avenue Academy & Nursery	01/04/2014	South East Essex Academy Trust (SEEAT)	
Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School	01/08/2017	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
PLT Southend Campus: Victory Park & Sutton House (formerly Seabrook College)	01/07/2017	Parallel Learning Trust (PLT)	
Sacred Heart Primary School	01/05/2018		
Shoeburyness High School	01/12/2011	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Southend High School for Boys	01/02/2011		Southend High School for Boys Academy Trust

Southend High School for Girls	01/02/2011		Southend High School for Girls Academy Trust
St Bernard's High School	01/08/2011		St Bernard's High School
St Nicholas School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
St Thomas More High School	01/08/2011		St. Thomas More High School
The Eastwood Academy	01/08/2011	Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)	
The Federation of Greenways Schools	01/10/2016	Learning in Harmony Trust	
The St Christopher School	01/03/2012	SEN Trust Southend <i>(previously a single academy trust)</i>	
The Westborough School	01/09/2010	The Challenger Multi Academy Trust	
Thorpedene Primary School	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Westcliff High School for Boys	01/09/2010		Westcliff High School for Boys
Westcliff High School for Girls	01/03/2011	South East Essex Academy Trust (SEEAT)	
West Leigh Junior School	01/04/2016	Portico Academy Trust	