

## **Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – OfSTED Subgroup**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2012**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Carmody – in the Chair  
Councillors Adams, S Newman, and Tavernor

Mr D Arnold, Co-opted Member, King David's Schools

#### **Apologies:**

Councillors Keller and Reid  
Mrs B Kellner, Co-opted Member, Representative of the Diocese of Manchester  
Mr L Duffy, Co-opted Member, Teacher Representative

### **YPC/OSG/12/06 Minutes**

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny OfSTED subgroup held on 26 June 2012 were submitted for information.

#### **Decision**

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2012 as a correct record.

### **YPC/OSG/12/06 OfSTED Reports – Outstanding Schools**

The Quality Assurance Manager summarised the achievements of each of the schools that have been graded as outstanding since the last meeting of the subgroup. She also informed members that all of the reports circulated for consideration had been inspected before the new inspection framework started in September 2012.

#### **A: St Richard's RC Primary School**

This school was previously inspected in 2006 and was rated by OfSTED as 'outstanding'. As a result of the most recent inspection in June 2012, the school had maintained this rating under the new inspection framework.

Members noted that the school makes a significant difference to the lives of its pupils and prepares them exceptionally well for their future education. It was also noted that the leadership is outstanding and that staff share a positive belief that pupils can achieve at the highest level. For the school to improve further they needed to improve outdoor provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage to develop children's independence, their physical skills and their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. The Quality Assurance Manager confirmed that Manchester does less well in the provision of outdoor physical provision than some authorities.

#### **B: Holy Name RC Primary School**

This school had previously been inspected in 2007 and had been awarded an OfSTED rating of 'good'. The Quality Assurance Manager informed members that as a result of the inspection in June 2012 the schools overall rating had improved to that of 'outstanding'.

Members noted that from very low starting points all pupils make excellent progress, both academically and in their personal development. They also noted outstanding teaching is evident in all areas of the school and learning moves at a fast pace. Tasks are challenging and perfectly matched to different pupils needs and abilities. It was also noted for the school to improve further they would need to build on existing good and outstanding practice by making better use of pupils' individual targets so that pupils know exactly how to improve their work.

### **C: The Birches Primary School**

This school was previously inspected on 2009 and was rated by OfSTED as 'outstanding'. As a result of the most recent inspection in June 2012, the school had maintained this rating under the current inspection framework.

Members noted that excellent partnerships with parent and carers ensure consistent management of communication and behaviour across school and home. It was also noted pupils' achievements is outstanding because teaching is outstanding. The members also noted the monitoring of performance of staff is highly effective in identifying areas for professional development and the sharing of best practice.

Overall Members felt that all of the reports were positive and they agreed to write to the schools to congratulate them.

### **Decision**

To write to St Richard's, Holy Name and The Birches Primary schools to congratulate them on the results of their OfSTED inspections.

### **YPC/OSG/12/07 Oral update on the revised Inspection Framework**

Since September 2012, 14 schools had been inspected under the new Ofsted Inspection framework. 3 schools were graded requires improvement, 1 was outstanding and 10 good.

The Quality Assurance Manager outlined some of the main changes that would affect schools under the new Ofsted Inspection Framework. These were:

- Schools are graded 'outstanding', 'good', 'requires improvement' or 'unsatisfactory'. The 'requires improvement' category replaces satisfactory.
- Schools are given a notice period of twenty four hours that they will be inspected. Headteachers have reported this time to be the most stressful aspect of the inspection process.
- The assessment areas would remain the same, for example, leadership, teaching quality etc.



good counselling service entitled, 'Place 2 B'. The school has capacity to improve further to achieve an outstanding rating.

### **C: St Margaret's C/E Primary School**

This school had previously been inspected in 2010 and had been awarded an OFSTED rating of 'satisfactory'. As a result of the most recent inspection in May 2012, the school had maintained this rating.

Members noted that the school has improved significantly over the past two years. Teaching is satisfactory and inspection evidence demonstrates it is continually improving. It was noted the head teacher and senior leaders have established a strong drive for improvement, and the school has capacity to achieve a good rating. It was also noted for the school to improve it would need to improve the quality and consistency of teaching to raise achievement, especially in Key Stage 1.

The Subgroup discussed how they could be kept informed of other schools being inspected under the new framework. Following the discussion, members agreed to ask the Committee's Support Officer to provide a list of schools that had been inspected, and their grading as part of the agenda papers. The Quality Assurance Manager agreed to copy the committee support officers into details of inspections as they were released.

### **Decision**

To ask the Committee's Support Officer to list all schools who have been inspected for the next meeting. To write and congratulate all schools who have achieved 'outstanding and 'good' inspections.

### **YPC/OSG/12/09 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 19 February 2012, 10am (Venue to be confirmed)