



# Overview and Scrutiny Ofsted Subgroup

Date: Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this subgroup meeting.

## **Access to the Council Antechamber**

Public access to the Council Antechamber is on Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension, using the lift or stairs in the lobby of the Mount Street entrance to the Extension.

**There is no public access from any other entrance.**

## **Membership**

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### **Councillors –**

Lovecy (Chair), Bano, Bell, Fletcher, Hewitson, Ludford and Reid

### **Co-opted Member -**

Mr Y Yonis

## Agenda

1. **Minutes** 3 - 6  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023.
  
2. **Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools** 7 - 8  
To receive a list of all Manchester schools which have been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.
  
3. **Ofsted Inspections of Daycare Providers** 9 - 10  
To receive a list of daycare providers which have been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.
  
4. **Terms of Reference and Work Programme** 11 - 14  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit  
  
To review the Terms of Reference and Work Programme of the Subgroup.

## Further Information

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This agenda was issued on **Tuesday, 6 June 2023** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Level 2, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2LA.

## **Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – Ofsted Subgroup**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Lovecy – in the Chair  
Councillors Gartside and Reid

**Apologies:** None received

#### **Also present:**

Councillor Bridges, Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People

### **CYP/OSG/23/05 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023.

### **CYP/OSG/23/06 Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools**

The Subgroup received a list of all Manchester schools which had been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded.

The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that in Manchester since September 2022 to date a total of 39 inspections had been conducted by Ofsted (37 schools and 2 Sixth Form Settings). She advised that this was a significant increase when compared to the total of 28 in the whole of the previous year. She informed Members of the 'Watchsted' website that provided a wealth of data in relation to Ofsted inspections and allowed for comparisons to be made between different local authorities and regions. She stated that in Manchester 89.6% of all schools were rated as 'good' or better, adding that this was higher than the North West and national average; 91.1% of primary schools were rated as 'good' or better, again this was higher than the national average and only slightly lower than the North West average; and 82.8% of High Schools were rated as 'good' or better, commenting that this was significantly better than the North West average and higher than the national average. She commented that this was a very positive position.

The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that the key themes for improvement that had emerged from the reports submitted for consideration included the need for the curriculum to be mapped out and delivered sequentially, across all year groups. This approach needed to be applied and developed across all subjects, not just the core subjects. The same approach also needed to be applied to assessments to ensure the curriculum was evidenced as progressing the students learning. She further commented upon the theme of an emphasis on reading and phonics across the reports.

In terms of those 'Inadequate' ratings, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that issues relating to safeguarding and behaviour had been identified as a key theme, in addition to those relating to the provision of quality education. In regard

to the 'Inadequate' report for St Matthew's RC High School, the Members were provided with a history of the site and information on the measures taken and the support mechanisms implemented following the previous inspections since 2017. The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that the Authority would continue to support the EMMAUS Catholic Academy Trust, especially on the issue of safeguarding at St Matthew's RC High School. The Director of Education responded to a question from a Member by stating that she did have confidence in EMMAUS to deliver improvements at this school, adding that they had a Director of Education and a Schools Improvement Team.

With regard to the 'Inadequate' report considered for Crosslee Primary School, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer stated that the Authority would continue to work with the school and the CLIC Trust. She stated this would include providing strategic leadership; support on safeguarding; the curriculum; working with senior leadership team; quality assurance activities and communications with staff and parents. She stated that a review of SEN provision would also be undertaken at the school.

In regard to support for other schools, the Senior School Quality Assurance Officer advised that Quality Assurance visits would continue to be delivered and that the regional His Majesty's Inspector had attended and participated in a recent Head Teachers briefing event and had conducted a 'question and answer' session that had been very well received. She further made reference to the Our Manchester Improvement Partnership, stating that this provided a mechanism to support newly qualified and practicing teachers, in addition to the continual professional development available to staff.

The Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People made reference to the East Manchester Academy report. He stated that the report was a very positive account of the improvements realised at the school and noted that the headline rating of 'Requires Improvement' needed to be considered in that context. The Director of Education noted that often a 'poor' rating helped formalise and accelerate the improvements required at a site, noting that schools were often very receptive to any offers of support or advice to improve their rating.

Members discussed the importance of Members being involved with and establishing trusted relationships with schools within their wards. A Member commented that local Councillors should also volunteer to be Governors at their local schools. A Member commented that the Education Department needed to be alert to other indicators that there may be issues at a school prior to a formal inspection, such as a high turnover of staff.

In response to the discussion on the CofE School of the Resurrection report and the 'Good' rating, Members noted this school had previously been rated as 'Requires Improvement'. The Senior School Quality Assurance Officer commented that there was a new Head Teacher in post who had a very clear vision and strategy to drive the improvements needed with the support of the local authority, particularly around issues relating to the curriculum and the governance arrangements.

## Decision

To note the reports.

### **CYP/OSG/23/07 Ofsted Inspections of Daycare Providers**

The Subgroup received a list of all Manchester daycare providers which had been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded.

The Early Years Quality Assurance Lead advised that 94% of settings were rated as either 'Good' or higher. She commented that Kids Start remained rated as 'Outstanding', adding that the inspection had arisen following a complaint. She further advised that Kids Start had been selected to participate in the Early Years stronger practice hub in recognition of the good work and practice delivered by this provider.

She stated that the positive themes that emerged from the reports included children's independence skills; communication and language; understanding and implementation of the curriculum; positive behaviour of staff and the positive influence this had on the children; unique needs being met; staff wellbeing being addressed through appropriate supervision and training; and assessment of children's development.

In regard to those provisions being rated as 'Inadequate' the Early Years Quality Assurance Lead stated that the key theme that emerged was in relation to poor practice and safeguarding. She stated that work was underway to address this and made reference to the Development Forum and online training available to staff. She further noted the challenge presented to providers by the issue of staff recruitment and retention, the potential for increased ratios, and the increased developmental needs of children due to the pandemic.

## Decision

To note the reports.

### **CYP/OSG/23/08 Terms of Reference and Work Programme**

The Chair noted that the Subgroup would be re-established at the May meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. The Chair requested that a meeting be convened for 14 June 2023 at 10am.

The Subgroup discussed which schools and settings they would like to visit. Members agreed that the Moston ward Councillors should be invited to accompany the visit to St Matthew's RC High School.

## Decisions

1. To note the Terms of Reference and Work Programme.
2. To arrange visits to the following schools; St Matthew's RC High School, The

East Manchester Academy and CofE School of the Resurrection.

3. To arrange visits to the following Daycare Providers; Kids Start, Sutton Road and First Steps Nursery.

**Schools' OfSTED Inspection Outcomes  
 Academic Year 2022 23  
 Reports published from 18/02/23-01/06/23**

School	Type of Inspection	Dates	Outcome	Link to the Report on Ofsted's Website
Gorton Primary School	Graded	17&18 Jan 23	Good	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50210548">50210548 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
St James' CofE Rusholme	Ungraded	17&18 Jan 23	St James' continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50210796">50210796 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Charlestown Primary School	Ungraded	17&18 Jan 23	Charlestown continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50210930">50210930 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary	Ungraded	18&19 Jan 23	St Elizabeth's continues to be a good school however the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded inspection were carried out now	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50210536">50210536 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Crossacres Primary Academy	Graded	24&25 Jan 23	Outstanding	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50211577">50211577 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Ringway Primary School	Ungraded	25&26 Jan 23	Ringway continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212596">50212596 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Baguley Hall Primary School	Graded	2&3 Feb 23	Requires Improvement	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50217589">50217589 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Christ The King RC Primary School	Ungraded	8&9 Feb 23	Christ The King continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212613">50212613 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Plymouth Grove Primary School	Ungraded	8&9 Feb 23	Plymouth Grove continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212523">50212523 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Pike Fold Primary School	Ungraded	8&9 Feb 23	Pike Fold continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212908">50212908 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
New Moston Primary	Ungraded	8&9 Feb 23	New Moston continues to be a good school however the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded inspection were carried out now	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212886">50212886 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>

School	Type of Inspection	Dates	Outcome	Link to the Report on Ofsted's Website
Bowker Vale Primary School	Ungraded	9&10 Feb 23	Bowker Vale continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50212815">50212815 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
St Andrew's CofE Primary School	Ungraded	1&2 March 23	St Andrew's continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216420">50216420 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
St Edmund's RC Primary School	Ungraded	7&8 March 23	St Edmund's continues to be a good school however the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded inspection were carried out now	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216433">50216433 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Xaverian College	Graded	7-10 March 23	Outstanding	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216046">50216046 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Co-op Academy Manchester	Ungraded	13&14 March 23	Co-op Academy Manchester continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50213684">50213684 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Cravenwood Primary Academy	Ungraded	13&14 March 23	Cravenwood Primary Academy continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50215580">50215580 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
The Divine Mercy RC Primary School	Ungraded	13&14 March 23	The Divine Mercy continues to be a good school however the inspection grade might not be as high if a graded inspection were carried out now	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216353">50216353 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Manchester Communication Primary Academy	Ungraded	21&22 March 23	Manchester Communication Primary Academy continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216868">50216868 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Co-op Academy Broadhurst	Ungraded	21&22 March 23	Co-op Academy Broadhurst continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50217045">50217045 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
St Paul's CofE Primary School	Ungraded	21&22 March 23	St Paul's continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50217070">50217070 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Mauldeth Road Primary School	Ungraded	21&22 March 23	Mauldeth Road continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50217229">50217229 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Alma Park Primary School	Ungraded	28&29 March 23	Alma Park continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50217976">50217976 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Sandilands Primary School	Ungraded	29&30 March 23	Sandilands continues to be a good school	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50218497">50218497 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>



**Early Years Settings**  
**(Published) OfSTED Inspection Outcomes Since the Previous Meeting**  
**Academic Year 2022 23**  
**Scrutiny 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Link to the Report on Ofsted's Website</b>
Little Learning Ladder	02/02/2023	Good =	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50209904">50209904 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Tiny Turtles	14/02/2023	Requires Improvement +	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50212990">50212990 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Building Blocks Blackley	06/03/2023	Inadequate -	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50213574">50213574 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Tiddlywinks Hill Lane	16/02/2023	Outstanding =	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50211372">50211372 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Crumpsall Park Playgroup	17/03/2023	Good =	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50214530">50214530 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Moston Methodist Playgroup	13/03/2023	Requires Improvement -	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/detail/50214634">50214634 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>

Early Explorers	16/03/2023	Requires Improvement +	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50215399">50215399 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Duckling Didsbury South	06/03/2023	Good =	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50214773">50214773 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Super Camps at William Hulme's Grammar School	05/04/2023	Met =	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50215607">50215607 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Brighter Beginnings Newton Heath	29/04/23	Outstanding	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50216185">50216185 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>
Little Angels	06/03/2023	Inadequate -	<a href="https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50218063">50218063 (ofsted.gov.uk)</a>

Title	Ofsted Subgroup
Membership 2023/2024	Councillors Bano, Bell, Fletcher, Hewitson, Lovecy (Chair), Ludford and Reid and Mr Y Yonis (Co-opted Member)
Lead Executive Member	Councillor Bridges - Executive Member for Children's Services
Strategic Director	Paul Marshall - Strategic Director of Children and Education Services
Lead Officers	Amanda Corcoran – Director of Education Liz Clarke - Senior Schools Quality Assurance Officer Sean McKendrick - Deputy Director of Children's Services
Contact officer	Rachel McKeon – Governance and Scrutiny Support
Rationale	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider an overview of inspection outcomes and any emerging themes and issues in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manchester Schools;</li> <li>○ Manchester Children's Centres</li> <li>○ Daycare providers in Manchester</li> <li>○ Manchester City Council-owned children's homes</li> <li>○ how local authorities secure school improvement</li> <li>○ services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance</li> <li>• make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>
Operation	This Subgroup will meet periodically and report its findings to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee by submitting minutes to the Committee.
Access to Information	<p>Meetings of this Subgroup will be open to members of the press and public except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p> <p>Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the press and public on the Council's website and in Central Library except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p>
Schedule of Meetings	14 June 2023 at 10 am Further meetings to be confirmed

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**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Ofsted Subgroup  
Work Programme – June 2023**

<b>Wednesday 14 June 2023, 10 am</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools	To receive a list of all Manchester schools which have been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.	Liz Clarke Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	
Daycare Providers	To receive a summary of Ofsted inspection information for daycare providers and to consider the main themes arising from the inspections.	Gillian Blackwell Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	

<b>To be scheduled</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Childminders	To consider an overview of childminding inspection reports.	Gillian Blackwell Rachel McKeon	Councillor Bridges	See January 2023 minutes

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