

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education - Tuesday,
14 March 2017***

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Steve Harrod, Cabinet Member for Education

Officers: Director for Children’s Services and Barbara Chillman, Deborah Miller (Law & Governance).

Questions from County Councillors

Documentation considered:

Report Questions from County Councillors

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Question from Councillor Howson to Councillor Steve Harrod

“What have been the outcomes in terms of grades of Ofsted inspections published since 1st September 2016 for schools in Oxfordshire?”

Answer

Ofsted outcomes for schools inspected and published since 1st September 2016

86% of LA maintained schools published and 75% of academies with Ofsted reports published since 1 Sep 2016 have been good/ outstanding as shown in the table below.

	Total Inspected	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Academy	12	2	7	2	1
Maintained	22	2	17	2	1

The outcomes by school phase are given in the table below

	Total Inspected	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Nursery	1	1			
Primary	31	3	23	4	1
Secondary	1		1		
Special	1				1
All School	34	4	24	4	2

Proposed Expansion of Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School

Documentation considered:

Report Proposed Expansion of Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School

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Summary of representations in person

In response to questions regarding traffic issues around the school and in particular whether emergency services could pass in an emergency, Mrs Chillman reported that she was aware of the issue and that school traffic was a countywide problem. Unfortunately, due to the large catchment area of the school there was likely to always be school traffic but the school were taking measures to try and reduce traffic including breakfast and after school clubs and school buses. If there were any serious concerns around traffic and safety, Highways would object at the planning stage of the process.

In relation to the Bicester localities Meeting concerns regarding school places not being filled in Bicester due to the expansion of village schools, Mrs Chillman reported that they were also expanding several primary schools in Bicester. Chesterton village was a part of the Bicester partnerships of schools, where pupil numbers had risen and large strategic housing developments were planned. The proposal had a lot of added value such as an updated kitchen and drainage.

Cabinet Member’s Comments

Having taken into account views expressed by the Parish Council, the Local Member and localities Meeting, but in light of parental demand, housing growth and secured Section 106 Agreements and the fact that if there was a real problem with traffic it would be picked up by Highways through the planning process I have decided to agree the recommendation to approve the proposed expansions of Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the proposed expansion of Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Education

Date2017