

Briefing for Clerks to Governors

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**

National context

- **Education Act overview**
- **New Ofsted Inspection Framework**
- **School Performance Tables**
- **DfE latest news**

Local Context

- **NCC Local Deal/ Four Year budget plan**
- **LSE re-categorisation of schools**
- **Update on school changes including Academy Conversions**

Effective Clerking

- **Recording challenge in your minutes**
- **Items for agenda for Spring Term**



Education Act 2011

Focus on

- Discipline and behaviour
- School Workforce
- Qualifications and the Curriculum
- Duties of Governing Bodies
- New Schools
- Constitution of Governing Bodies
- Ofsted Inspections
- School Finance
- Academies



New Ofsted Framework

- Achievement of pupils at the school
- Quality of teaching in the school
- Behaviour and safety of pupils at the school
- Quality of leadership in and management of the school

Outstanding (1)	Teaching is likely to be outstanding and it contributes to outstanding learning and achievement or, in exceptional circumstances, achievement that is good and rapidly improving. Other principal aspects of the school's work are good or outstanding.
Good (2)	Pupils benefit from teaching that is at least good. Achievement is at least good. Leadership and management play a significant role in this and are good overall. Behaviour and safety are strong features.
Satisfactory (3)	Achievement, behaviour and safety, the quality of teaching and learning, and leadership and management are all likely to be at least satisfactory with some significant good practice.
Inadequate (4)	Overall effectiveness is likely to be inadequate if any of the following apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Achievement is inadequate.■ Quality of teaching is inadequate.■ Behaviour and safety are inadequate.■ Leadership and management are inadequate.



School Performance Tables

New look primary performance tables published in December 2011, secondaries due to be published by end of January 2011

The tables show:

- **results from the Key Stage 2 tests in English and mathematics**
- **teacher assessments in English, mathematics and science**
- **Key Stage 1-2 progress measures in English and mathematics**
- **performance of disadvantaged pupils compared against other pupils in the school**
- **performance of low attaining pupils, high attaining pupils, and pupils performing at expected levels**
- **information on the expenditure of each maintained school open for the full 2010-11 financial year.**
- **the numbers of teachers, teaching assistants and other school staff. It also provides the pupil teacher ratio and the mean gross salary of full-time teachers**
- **information on the characteristics of the pupils attending the school**
- **pupil absence data for each school**

www.education.gov.uk/performance-tables



Headlines from the performance tables

	Nationally	Northamptonshire
Level 4 in both English and Maths	74%	71%
Making 2 levels progress in English	84%	80%
Making 2 levels progress in Maths	83%	79%
Overall pupil absence	5.14%	4.87%
Pupils eligible for Free School Meals	19.2%	13.9%



DfE latest news

- **NPQH – mandatory status changed from 2012. intro of new tougher NPQH “Spring 2012”**
- **Revised Performance Management regulations – no news yet**
- **Academies – the rules have changed yet again...**
- **Teachers pension dispute ongoing – major unions have rejected the governments new offer**
- **Revised national curriculum delayed – pushed back until 2014**
- **Funding for schools – flat-cash settlement, no more than a 1.5% real terms reduction**
- **Increased pupil premium to £600 per child and extended to “Ever6” measure**



NCC Local Deal/ Four Year Funding Plan

NCC will:

- **Keep county council tax the lowest of its kind in the country.**
- **Further reduce back office costs.**
- **Encourage growth, prosperity, and investment in the county.**
- **Continue to invest in services to help the most vulnerable - those who can't help themselves.**

Your county needs you to:

- **Get involved! You can give time, money or just information to help run the services most important to you.**
- **Take advantage of the increased opportunities we give you to help you help yourself.**

**Proposals around every service area in the county council,
including some on education support services**

Consultation open until 13th February

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices



Learning, Skills and Education – Risk Management of schools

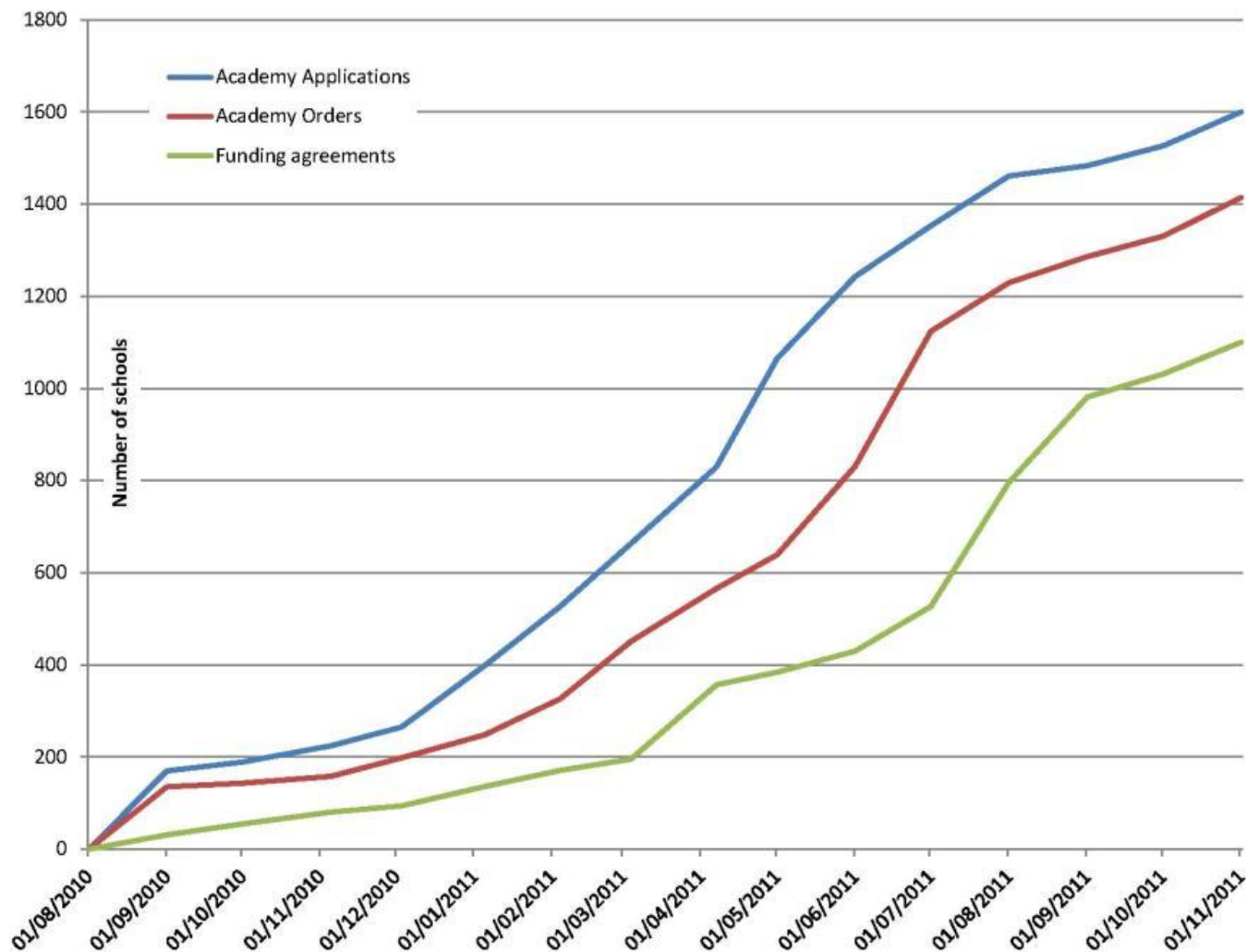
New categories for schools

1	Annual conversation or discretionary visit
2	Two conversations/ visits
3	Three visits
4a	At least three visits and on-site monitoring day, attendance at governing body meeting to feedback from monitoring day
4b	Up to six visits, on-site monitoring day and attendance at up to 2 governing body meetings to feedback to governing body.



Academies

Academy conversions to 1 November 2011



Northamptonshire

Category	No	%
Transformational academies (pre 2010 legislation)	6	54%
Converter academies (Secondary) <i>converted</i>	10	
Converter academies (Secondary) <i>in process</i>	5	
Converter academies (Special) <i>converted</i>	1	23%
Converter academies (Special) <i>in process</i>	2	
Converter academies (Primary) <i>converted</i>	2	2%
Converter academies (Primary) <i>in process</i>	5	
Total	31	10%



Recording challenge in your minutes

Taken from LSE guidance to school improvement officers visiting governing bodies

Do your minutes show evidence of...?

- the Governing body asking questions about the HT report
- the governing body understanding how the school is performing
- the governing body undertaking monitoring and feeding back to governors.
- governors asking questions about the monitoring
- governors asking for impact of initiatives/ monitoring
- governors asking strategic questions
- governors asking questions about the quality of teaching



Agenda items for the Spring Governing Body Meeting

Standing items

- Apologies and acceptance for absence
- Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
- Election of Chair and/or Vice Chair (where required)
- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
- Review reports from Committees and/or Named Governors
- Receive a Headteacher's report

Statutory items for the Spring Term

- Review the School Pay Policy
- Review SEN Policy
- Agree the school prospectus
- Agree the budget and school staffing structure
- Publish admission arrangements for September 2012

Recommended items for the Spring Term

- Review the School Effectiveness report from the Autumn Term
- Review the School Development/ Improvement Plan
- Review other school policies as part of your rolling programme
- Decide on your buy-backs – where are we getting our governor training from?
Where are we getting our governance support from?



These slides will be available online from tomorrow morning

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

Follow link on left to Clerks

Date of next briefing – TBC but likely to be

Tuesday 1st May 2012

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