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ORIGIN OF ITEM:	This report forms part of the agreed work programme.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To review the outcomes of recent Ofsted school inspections and their impacts on education in the borough.

Scrutiny report – Ofsted inspections in Croydon schools in autumn term 2012

There were 21 inspections in Croydon schools during the autumn term 2012, following the implementation of a new Ofsted framework in September 2012. This new framework sets higher expectations of schools and was introduced after the previous framework was in place for only one year and this also set higher expectations of schools. Croydon inspections of the autumn 2012 term comprised 19 primary schools, 1 secondary school and 1 PRU. Four of these inspections were of academies. In the main those schools selected by Ofsted for inspection were those which were judged to be satisfactory in their previous inspection. This is, therefore, a skewed sample of schools.

There are five inspection judgements given: overall effectiveness, achievement, quality of teaching, behaviour and safety and leadership and management.

Table 1 shows the result of all the autumn term inspections and the judgements given.

Grade 1 is outstanding, 2 good, 3 indicates the school requires improvement and 4 is inadequate.

Table 1

Croydon Schools Outcome of Autumn term 2012 Ofsted inspections		Overall Effectiveness	Achievement of Pupils	Quality of teaching	Behaviour and Safety of Pupils	Leadership and Management
Benson Primary	Nov-12	4	4	4	3	3
Beulah Junior	Nov-12	3	3	3	3	3
Cotelands PRU	Dec-12	2	2	2	2	2
Davidson Primary	Oct-12	2	2	2	2	2
Fairchildes Primary	Oct-12	1	1	1	1	1
Forestdale Primary	Nov-12	2	2	2	2	2
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary	Sep-12	2	2	2	2	2
Kingsley Primary	Oct-12	2	2	2	2	2
Orchard Way Primary	Nov-12	3	3	3	2	3
Park Hill Junior	Nov-12	3	3	3	2	3
Regina Coeli RC Primary	Oct-12	3	3	3	2	3
South Norwood Primary	Oct-12	2	2	2	2	2
St Joseph's RC Junior	Oct-12	2	2	2	2	2
The Crescent Primary	Nov-12	2	2	2	2	2
Westwood Girls' College	Nov-12	4	4	4	3	4
Winterbourne Junior Boys'	Oct-12	4	4	4	3	4
Winterbourne Junior Girls'	Nov-12	2	2	2	2	2
Ark Oval Primary Academy	Dec-12	2	2	2	2	2
Pegasus Ecclesbourne Primary Academy	Sep-12	3	3	3	2	2
St James The Great RC Primary Academy	Oct-12	1	1	1	1	1
West Thornton Primary Academy	Sep-12	1	1	1	1	1

Table 2 shows the overall grades by phase of school, together with the numbers of schools that have improved or retained the same grade or received a lower overall judgement compared to their previous inspection. A significant proportion of schools improved from a previous grade 3 to grade 2 (good) and from a previous grade 2 to grade 1 (outstanding)

By the end of the autumn term, the percentage of all Croydon schools judged good or better had risen to 71%. The most recent data available (as at August 2012) showed that nationally 70% of all schools were judged good or outstanding.

Table 2

	Grade 4 Inadequate	Grade 3 Satisfactory/requires improvement	Grade 2 Good	Grade 1 Outstanding
Primary	2 2 ↓	5 4 → 1 ↑	9 8 ↑ 1 →	3 3 ↑
Secondary	1 1 ↓			
Special and PRU			1 PRU 1 ↓	

Schools judged by Ofsted to be inadequate

By the end of the autumn term a total of three primary and two secondary schools were in an Ofsted category, two of which had been inspected in the summer term 2012.

Roke Primary School (inspected May 2012)

Roke Primary School was given a Notice to Improve in May 2012. The Local Authority brokered a partnership with Riddlesdown Collegiate to support the school in addressing the key issues. The school has just had a monitoring visit (January 2013) which has indicated that the school has made satisfactory progress in all their key issues. The DfE has visited the school to explain to governors that the school will need to become a sponsored academy in order to make the required sustained progress. The Harris Federation has been put forward by the DfE as the preferred sponsor.

Benson Primary School

Benson Primary School was inspected in November 2012 and has been judged to have serious weaknesses. The headteacher resigned last term and the Local Authority has brokered a partnership with Fairchildes Primary School (an outstanding school) to provide strategic leadership. The inspection recognised that the support from Fairchildes was having a positive impact. However, the DfE has made it clear to the school that its expectation is that the school would convert to a sponsored academy in order to make the required rapid progress. These discussions are ongoing. The school is likely to receive a monitoring visit from HMI at the end of this term.

Winterbourne Junior Boys' School

Winterbourne Junior Boys' School was placed in a category of special measures in October 2012 although the report was only just published in January. Prior to the inspection the Local Authority had put in place plans to close the school and extend the age range of Winterbourne Infant School (a good school with many outstanding features) to take in junior aged pupils. Cabinet met in December and agreed that the consultation can take place this term. Consultation papers have now been sent out to all stakeholders. At the end of December the headteacher of the boys' school resigned and the governors have asked the head of the infant school to act as headteacher for the foreseeable future.

Again, the DfE has made its expectation about sponsored academy status clear. These discussions are ongoing. The school is likely to receive a monitoring visit from HMI before the end of this term.

Addington High School (inspected in June 2012)

Addington High School was placed in special measures, following its inspection in June 2012. In December 2012, it received its first HMI monitoring visit. Whilst the report acknowledges improvement in some key areas, it judges that the school is not making rapid enough progress towards the removal of special measures within eighteen months.

The DfE has named Ravens Wood School in Bromley as the sponsor for the school's conversion to academy status. The academy order is expected to be signed imminently by the Secretary of State. Ravens Wood School has been partnered with Addington High School for some time, through the Challenge Partners programme, and senior Ravens Wood staff are currently supporting the school.

Westwood Girls' College for Languages and Arts

Following the issuing of a 'warning notice' by the Local Authority, Westwood Girls' College for Languages and Arts was inspected in November 2012 and placed in special measures. The school is likely to receive a monitoring visit from HMI towards the end of this term.

The DfE has named the Harris Federation as its preferred sponsor for this school to convert to academy status. Westwood's headteacher is on long term sick leave, which began before the inspection. An interim headteacher from the Harris Federation is leading the school at present.

Schools identified as requiring Improvement

From September 2012, the previous grade 3 judgement of 'satisfactory' has been replaced by 'requires improvement' and arrangements for Ofsted to monitor the school's progress against its key issues have been strengthened. All schools receiving a judgement of requiring improvement will have a monitoring visit from an HMI in the four to six weeks following the inspection. This will affect the following schools judged to be requiring improvement in the autumn term: Ecclesbourne, Regina Coeli, Beulah Junior, Park Hill Junior and Orchard Way. HMI will assess the school's improvement plans and make a judgement about whether the school's leadership has the capacity to make the required rapid progress to achieve a judgement of good at the next inspection. If HMI believe this is not the case then it is likely the DfE will intervene.