

Annex B Impact Assessment – Acorn Free School

Table 1: LA level exclusions and absence data		
Exclusions data	Lincolnshire	England
Fixed term exclusion rate 2010/11 [1]	3.4%	4.3%
Permanent exclusion rate 2010/11 [1]	0.1%	0.1%
Absence data	Lincolnshire	England
Persistent absentee rate (Autumn and Spring term 2011/12) [2]	5.3%	4.9%
Unauthorised absentee rate (Autumn and Spring term 2011/12) [3]	0.6%	0.9%

[1] Fixed term and permanent exclusions rates are given as number of exclusions as a percentage of the school population in the LA, and includes pupils in state-funded primary, state-funded secondary and special schools

[2] The number of persistent absentees expressed as a percentage of the total number of enrolments. Persistent Absentees are defined as having an overall absence rate of around 15 per cent or more. This includes pupils in state-funded primary and secondary schools

[3] The number of sessions missed due to authorised/unauthorised/overall absence expressed as a percentage of the total number of possible sessions. This includes pupils in state-funded primary and secondary schools

Table 2: PRUs, Free School AP, Academy AP and Studio Schools within a 30 mile radius of the proposed Free School					
School name	School type	Age range	Ofsted	LA	Distance from Free School site (miles)
The Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-19	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Lincolnshire	3.0
Bassetlaw Learning Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	7-16	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Nottinghamshire	24.3
The Darley Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	11-14	Good	North Lincolnshire	26.4
Oakdale Learning Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	7-16	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Nottinghamshire	27.1
Daybrook Learning Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Satisfactory	Nottinghamshire	27.6
Hospital and Home Education PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Nottingham	27.9
Beckhampton Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	13-16	Good	Nottingham	28.1
Young People's Education Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	11-19	Outstanding	North Lincolnshire	28.3
Stone Soup Academy	Free Schools - Alternative Provision	11-19	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Nottingham	29.4
Unity Learning Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	14-16	Good	Nottingham	29.7

The Acorn EBS Free School is an alternative provision school for up to 48 children aged 11-16 who are at risk of exclusion. The free school is proposed to be set up in Lincoln. The table shows 9 Pupil Referral Units and 1 alternative provision free school within a 30 mile radius. The nearest is located 3 miles from the school. The Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre is a Pupil Referral Unit for pupils aged 5-19 that opened in 2012 caters for pupils who are both at risk of exclusion and who have been excluded. Acorn, by contrast, will provide short term placements for those at risk of exclusion so any impact on this PRU is likely to be minimal. The other 9 schools are located between 24 and 30 miles away and are not perceived to be competing with Acorn EBS Free School for pupils. To date the commissioning agreements for places at Acorn have been drawn up with schools in Lincolnshire and are for short term places for children who are at risk of exclusion. The agreements also cover the provision of outreach services to support pupils, parents and teachers in the pupil's home, with the aim of improving behaviour and attendance. Due to the focussed and unique approach of Acorn ABS Free School it should not have a negative impact on local schools. The aim of Acorn EBS Free School is to have a positive impact

on local schools by reducing exclusions in Lincolnshire to zero.