

# Learning & Achievement Update January 2025

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# Key Updates 1

## Keeping Education Strong (surplus capacity):

- **Primary schools have been assessed for risk against Standards, Rolls and Finance.**

A small number of schools have significant concerns and are liaising with the LA about how to mitigate those risks in the above areas.

- **Secondary schools are now experiencing the impact of falling rolls.**

Several schools have Year 7 cohorts that are significantly smaller than previous years.

# Key Updates 2

- **School Matters:**

- **Complaints processes**
- **Finance management and risk assessments**
  - **Standards in school – accuracy**
  - **Headteacher's appraisal on agendas**

# Key Updates 3

- **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill:**
  - QTS (Qualified Teacher Status)
  - Home schooling regulations
- Academy orders are discretionary for RI (Requires Improvement) schools
  - Academies required to teach the National Curriculum
- Managed moves for pupils - education provision for improving behaviour

# Key Updates 4

- **OFSTED:**
  - **No overall grade: – graded in 4 areas (Quality of Education, Leadership & Management, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development, plus: Early Years or 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision)**
- **Range of inspection teams and experiences in LBS since September 2024**
- **Encouraged to identify the GB team that will meet Ofsted and agree the narrative for the school previous areas for development, current priorities and evidence base for all**