

# Agenda Schools Forum

Monday, 13 December 2021 at 2.30 pm  
Virtual Online Meeting - MS Teams

The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021 amended The Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 to make permanent provisions to enable schools forums meetings to be held remotely.

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This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 **Minutes**

7 - 24

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2021.



- 3.1 To agree that Mrs S Mistry be appointed to the Forum for a 4-year Term of Office (Chair)
- 4 **School Revenue Funding 2022/23 Consultation Responses (R Kerr)** 25 - 50
- School Forum members to consider and make a decision on the consultation proposals as set out.
- 5 **High Needs Block – October 2021 Budget Monitoring Report (J Gill)** 51 - 60
- School Forum to note the report and the data provided.
- 6 **SEND Review Follow up (M Tallents)** 61 - 76
- Schools Forum to note the report and make recommendations on the options consulted on.
- 7 **Early Years Block Report (S Lilley)** 77 - 80
- Schools Forum to note the report.
- 8 **Fair Funding Scheme – Update (S Lilley)** 81 - 84
- Schools Forum to approve consultation with schools on an amendment to the text of the Fair Funding Scheme.
- 9 **DSG Settlement 2022/23 – Verbal Update (R Kerr)**
- Schools Forum to receive a verbal update on the DSG Settlement 2022/23
- 10 **Government Consultation – School Improvement Grant - Verbal Update (A Timmins)**
- Schools Forum to receive a verbal update on the Government Consultation regarding the School Improvement Grant.

11 **Director of Children's Services – Verbal Update  
(M Jarrett)**

Schools Forum to receive a verbal update from the new Director of Children's Services Michael Jarrett.

12 **AOB**

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**Distribution**

Councillor N Toplass (Chair)  
Councillors J Barry, M Arnull, S Baker, J Bailey, D Barton, L Bray, E Benbow,  
K Berdesha, D Broadbent, C Handy, L Howard, D Irish, W Lawrence,  
G Linford, S Mistry, E Pate, B Patel and J Topham

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## Schools Forum Distribution to Members:

Body / Number of positions on Forum	Nominated Member	Nominated Substitute
<b>Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Primary Schools (5)</b>	Ms S Baker Mr J Barry Ms W Lawrence Mr G Linford  Mrs S Mistry - <i>Subject to formal approval by the Forum</i>	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
<b>School Governors – Maintained Primary Schools (3)</b>	Ms L Howard Mrs E Benbow Mr B Patel	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
<b>Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)</b>	Christina Handy-Rivett	Nomination awaited
<b>School Governors – Maintained Secondary Schools (2)</b>	Mrs D Broadbent Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
<b>Academies (4)</b>	Ms L Bray Mr D Irish Mr M Arnull Mr J Topham	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
<b>Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Special School (1)</b>	Mr N Toplass	Nomination awaited
<b>Trade Union (1)</b>	Mr. D Barton	Phil Jones
<b>Early Years Partnership (1)</b>	M E Pate	Nomination awaited
<b>14-19 Provider (1)</b>	Ms J Bailey	Nomination awaited
<b>Pupil Referral Unit (1)</b>	Ms K Berdesha	Ms K Hazelwood

## Schools Forum: Voting Blocks (Who can vote and on what?)

<b>Secondary Maintained Block</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Headteachers</b>	Can vote on all business except primary school de-delegation.
J Christina Handy-Rivett <i>(Subject to formal approval by the Forum)</i>	
<b>Governors</b>	
Mrs D Broadbent	
Vacant	

<b>Primary Maintained Block</b>	<b>Voting</b>
<b>Headteachers</b>	Can vote on all business except secondary school de-delegation.
Sally Baker	
Jamie Barry	
Gary Linford	
Wendy Lawrence	
Vacant	
<b>Governors</b>	
Ms L Howard	
Mrs E Benbow	
Mr B Patel	

<b>Special Block</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Neil Toplass	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

<b>Academies Block</b>	<b>Voting</b>
James Topham (Secondary)	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.
Dave Irish (Secondary)	
Mark Arnull (Secondary)	
Lucy Bray (Primary)	

<b>Pupil Referral Unit</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Kuldip Berdesha	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

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**NON-SCHOOL MEMBERS**

<b>Early Years Partnership</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Emma Pate	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

<b>Trade Union</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Darren Barton NUT	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and school funding formula.

<b>16-19 Provider</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Jane Bailey	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and school funding formula.

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- (b) If the meeting is inquorate, it will be able to proceed but cannot legally take decisions (Eg: Election of a Chairperson, or a decision relating to funding conferred by the funding regulations). An inquorate meeting can respond to authority consultation and give views to the authority. The authority can take account of such views



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