

Agenda Schools Forum

**Monday, 20 March 2023 at 2.30 pm
in the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

1 Minute Silence

Schools Forum to observe a minute silence in respect of Schools Forum Governor representative Bob Patel.

2 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4 Minutes 11 - 24

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023 as a correct record.

5 School Budgets 2023/24 (including Early Years & High Needs) 25 - 46

Schools Forum to note the School Budget Information 2023/24.



6 **HNB Budgets 2023/24** 47 - 56

Schools Forum to note the contents of the report in relation to the 2023/24 HNB Grant Budget.

7 **High Needs Block P11 Monitoring** 57 - 62

Schools Forum to note the contents of the report in relation to the 2022/23 HNB Grant budget monitoring for the period 1 April – 28 February 2023.

8 **Fair Funding Scheme Updates** 63 - 64

Schools Forum to consider and approve the update to the Scheme for the Financing of Schools.

9 **Forward Plan 2023/24** 65 - 66

Schools Forum to note the Forward Plan for 2023/24.

10 **AOB**

To consider the membership of the ongoing Working Groups and the appointment of substitute members.

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Chief Executive

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Distribution

N Toplass (Chair)

M Arnull, J Barry, S Baker, J Bailey, D Barton, E Benbow, K Berdesha,
L Bray, D Broadbent, C Handy, D Irish, W Lawrence, S Mistry, D Steen,
J Topham and Union

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Schools Forum Distribution to Members:

Body / Number of positions on Forum	Nominated Member	Nominated Substitute
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Primary Schools (5)	Ms S Baker Mr J Barry Ms W Lawrence Vacancy Mrs S Mistry	L Paino A Connop S Penny Nomination awaited K Duff
School Governors – Maintained Primary Schools (3)	Mrs D Steen Mrs E Benbow Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)	Christina Handy-Rivett	M Smith
School Governors – Maintained Secondary Schools (2)	Mrs D Broadbent Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Academies (4)	Ms L Bray Mr D Irish Mr M Arnull Mr J Topham	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Special School (1)	Mr N Toplass (Chair)	Nomination awaited
Trade Union (1)	Mr. D Barton	Phil Jones
Early Years Partnership (1)	Vacancy	Nomination awaited
14-19 Provider (1)	Ms J Bailey	M Salter
Pupil Referral Unit (1)	Ms K Berdesha	Ms K Hazelwood

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

Secondary Maintained Block	Voting
	Can vote on all business except primary school de-delegation.
Headteachers	
J Christina Handy-Rivett	
Governors	
Mrs D Broadbent	
Vacant	

Primary Maintained Block	Voting
	Can vote on all business except secondary school de-delegation.
Headteachers	
Sally Baker	
Jamie Barry	
Vacancy	
Wendy Lawrence	
Seema Mistry	
Governors	
Ms L Howard	
Mrs E Benbow	
Vacancy	

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

Academies Block	Voting
James Topham (Secondary)	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.
Dave Irish (Secondary)	
Mark Arnall School Appeal Panel Member Training N(Secondary)	
Lucy Bray (Primary)	

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

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

NON-SCHOOL MEMBERS

Early Years Partnership	Voting
Vacancy	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

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

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

Schools Forum: Quorum

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- (b) If the meeting is inquorate, it will be able to proceed but cannot legally take decisions (E.g. 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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