

Agenda Schools Forum

**Monday 2 October 2023 at 2.30 pm
In the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of Schools Forum for a period of two years.

2 To note Neil Toplass as the new Special Academies Representative and Oliver Flowers as the new Special Schools (Maintained) Representative

To note Neil Toplass as the new Special Academies Representative and welcome Oliver Flowers as the new Special Schools (Maintained) Representative.

3 Apologies for Absence 11 - 12

To receive any apologies for absence.

4 Declarations of Interest 13 - 14

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

5 Minutes 15 - 26

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2023 as a correct record.



- 6 **School Funding 2024-25** 27 - 30
- To note the changes to the National Funding Formula (NFF) and approve the approach and modelling options to the 2024-25 Local Formula.
- 7 **De-Delegated, Education Functions & Central Schools Services Block - Impact 2022-23 and Funding 2024-25** 31 - 74
- To consider the Impact Reports on De-Delegation and Education Functions and agree to the requests for funding on these areas for 2024-25.
- To consider and approve the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) 2024-25 Budget and to agree to move funding from the Schools Block to the CSSB for Safeguarding and Attendance.
- 8 **Falling Rolls Fund 2024-25** 75 - 84
- To consider the introduction of a Falling Rolls Fund (FRF) for all Sandwell schools experiencing falling rolls from 2024-25 and to consider the establishment of a FRF option from the two presented to Schools Forum on assessing the eligibility criteria.
- 9 **Early Years 2023-24 Funding** 85 - 88
- To note the Early Years 2023-24 funding.
- 10 **Future Meeting Dates**
- All meetings are in person at the Sandwell Council House.
- 2 October 2023
 - 6 November 2023
 - 11 December 2023
 - 15 January 2024
 - 18 March 2024
 - 17 June 2024

11 **AOB**

The election of new members following the updated membership structure.

To consider the establishment of a Working Group to consider the establishment of a Schools in Financial Difficulty Budget (Special School and PRU) and bring a detailed report to a future meeting.

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Chief Executive

Sandwell Council House

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Oldbury

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Distribution

N Toplass (Chair)

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

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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 (2)	Mrs D Steen Mrs E Benbow	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Head Teachers Advisory Forum – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)	Christina Handy-Rivett	M Smith
School Governors – Maintained Secondary Schools (1)	Mrs D Broadbent	Nomination awaited
Special School (Maintained) (1)	Oliver Flowers	Nomination awaited
Pupil Referral Unit (Maintained) (1)	Ms K Berdesha	Ms K Hazelwood
Academies Primary (3)	Ms L Bray Vacancy Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Academies Secondary (6)	Mr D Irish Mr M Arnull Mr J Topham Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited Nomination awaited
Special Academies	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 C Hadley	M Salter

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

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

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

Special Block	Voting
<u>Oliver Flowers</u>	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and education functions.

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

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
Claire Hadley	Can vote on all business except primary and secondary school de-delegation and school funding formula.

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