

Schools Forum Agenda

Thursday, 29th June 2023

4.30 pm – 6.30pm, Virtual - Microsoft Teams

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Item	Pages
1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies	
Welcome new members	
Melanie Simpson – Early Years PVI representative	
Member resignations	
Matthew Ringham – Chair Lynne Haines - Special Schools Head rep.	
2. Declaration of Interests	
3. Minutes of the Meeting - 19 January 2023	1 - 4
4. Minutes of the Meeting - 1 February 2023	5 - 8
5. Matters Arising	
• PFI consultation included within agenda	
6. Schools Forum Work Plan for 2023/24	9 - 15
Purpose of this report is to confirm the timing and dates for Schools Forum meetings and to support agenda setting. The agenda remains fluid to allow flexibility in updating on matters of interest.	
7. Schools Audit 2022-23 Overall Summary Report	16 - 27
To update schools forum on the schools audit process.	
8. Early Years Entitlements Expansion to 2025	28 - 37
Following on from the Spring Statement, this presentation aims to update Forum with respect to the Early Years Entitlement Expansion, including	

what is currently not known.

9. Mayor of London - Universal Free School Meals 38 - 46

The presentation provides forum detailed information with regards the Mayor of London's Free School Meals offer for Key Stage 2 pupils.

10. High Needs Mitigations & Delivering Better Value Update 47 - 50

The presentation provides and updates on the high needs block mitigation plan and the engagement with the Department for Education (DfE) on the Delivering Better Value (DBV) Tranche 3.

11. Dedicated Schools Grant 2022/23 Including Schools Balances Position 51 - 55

Report provides the outturn position for 2022/23 for the DSG and the Schools end of year position. The report further notes that that the Early Years Block remains provisional, pending finalisation of pupil number by the DfE.

12. Dedicated Schools Grant 2023-24 and Update on Other Specific Grants 56 - 60

The report provides and update on the 2023/24 DSG position and where possible updated information on other schools related grants at the time of writing.

13. Dedicated Schools Grant 2024/25 - Updates Towards Hard Formula - Plus PFI Consultation 61 - 71

This report provides and updates on the transition of the Schools Funding Formula to a Hard Formula. The report builds on the work undertaken for 2023/24 and provides a draft consultation for the PFI factor for engagement with mainstream schools who are in receipt of funding from this factor, for consideration as part of the 2024/25 Schools Funding Formula.

14. Any Other Business

- Schools Forum Constitution
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair – following Resignation of Chair – First Item for Autumn Meeting—

Future meetings

19 October 2023

14 December 2023

18 January 2024 (provisional date, subject to DfE)

All meetings will be held between 16.30 and 18.30 virtually

Sub Group meetings

High Needs Sub Group

21 June 2023 11 October 2023 7 December 2023 11 January 2024
