

Schools Forum Agenda

Thursday, 27th June 2024

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm , Virtual - Microsoft Teams

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Item	Pages
1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies	
Welcome to New and Re-elected representatives.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Ambrose - New Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (CE) representative.• Niall Hand new Academy representative.• Yvonne Epale, Education Commission-Catholic Diocese of Southwark, re-elected.	
Completion of Term.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Fidel, Primary Governor and Ann Butcher, Academy, terms of office finishes June 2024 (their last meeting, unless re-elected).	
Retirement Sharon Lynch Primary Representative	
Resignation Julie Loffstadt Primary Representative	
2. Declaration of Interests	
3. Minutes of the Meeting 18 January 2024	1 - 7
4. Matters Arising	
5. Schools Forum Workplan 2024/25	8 - 13
The purpose of this report is to provide schools forum with a workplan for 2024/25 financial year. 3 key items have been requested to be standing items – funding updates, High Needs (DBV), and Early Years policy changes.	
6. Proposed De-delegation for Lewisham Learning (School Improvement) 2024/25	14 - 25

The purpose of this report is to discuss with Schools Forum the support provided to schools through Lewisham Learning. The report also notes financial support for 2024/25 to maintain services.

7. Update on Early Years

This is to be a standing Item to provide forum with any updates on the national policy. Main paper considering the SENIF funding has been deferred in view of the election period, with intention to bring that paper to the December 2024 meeting.

8. Verbal Update on High Needs Block

Update following the High Needs Working Group meeting. This will include the Pilot for 2024/25 (financial support for schools with higher than average EHCP), the update will also include training for schools with regards to notional SEN funding.

9. DSG 2023/24 Outturn (including Schools Balances Position) and DSG 2024/25 Funding Update

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The purpose of this report is to update Schools Forum on the 2023/24 DSG outturn position including summary level position for schools. The report will also provide an initial DSG 2024/25 position.

10. Any Other Business

Future meetings

24 October 2024
12 December 2024
16 January 2025 (provisional date)

All meetings to be held 16.30 to 18.30, remotely.

Sub Group meetings

High Needs Sub Group
10 October 2024
28 November 2024
9 January 2025