Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
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Date:

Committee:
Schools Forum

Date: **Thursday, 12 November 2026**
Time: **8.30 am**
Venue: **MS Teams**

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Richard Phillips
Director – Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Schools Forum

Mark Rogers
Reuban Thorley
Alison Ashley
Bill Dowell (Chair)
Sarah Godden
Mark Cooper
Sue Lovecy
Carla Whelan
Sarah North
Georgia Moss
Sarah Finch
Lisa Henshall
Rachel Williams
David O'Toole
James Pearson
James Staniforth
John Hitchings (Vice-Chair)
Shelley Hurdley
Mark Davis
Gemma Martin
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AGENDA

1 **Apologies**

2 **Appointment of acting chair**

3 **Declarations of Interest**

4 **Welcome new members**

5 **Minutes and Matters Arising - (Chair/JR)** (Pages 1 - 6)

Paper A

6 **6. Constitution, Terms of Reference and Membership - Working Group (JR/JM/Sub-group)** (Pages 7 - 18)

Paper B – Final Schools Forum Constitution and Terms of Reference – for approval.

7 **Early Years sustainability funding operational guide - (DS)** (Pages 19 - 34)

Paper C and D

8 **High Needs capital grant - (JR)**

Verbal update

9 **Review of the Scheme for the Financing of LA maintained schools (JM/JR)** (Pages 35 - 90)

Paper E

10 **Dedicated schools grant monitoring 2026-27 (SW)**

Paper F

11 **Central retention of dedicated schools grant from April 2027 - (JR/SW)**

Paper G

12 Meeting dates for 2026/27 academic year - as below

2026.27 Meeting dates	Time*	Location*
1. Thursday 10 September 2026	08.30 – 10.30	Microsoft (MS) Teams
2. Thursday 12 November 2026	08.30 – 10.30	Microsoft (MS) Teams
3. Thursday 10 December 2026	09.00 – 11.00	The Lantern Community Hall 2
4. Thursday 21 January 2027 TBC	08.30 – 10.30	Microsoft (MS) Teams
5. Thursday 18 March 2027 TBC	08.30 – 10.30	Microsoft (MS) Teams
6. Thursday 17 June 2027 TBC	08.30 – 10.30	Microsoft (MS) Teams

***All meetings are 08.30 - 10.30 if online and 09.00 – 11.00 if face to face.**

Schools Forums must meet at least four times a year- per latest DFE operational and good practice guide March 2021.

13 Communication (Chair)