

## **Meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 6.00pm  
on Microsoft Teams**

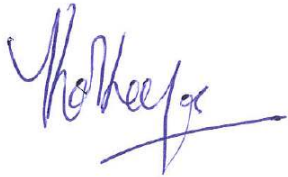
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### **Agenda - Public Session (Meeting open to the public and press)**

1. Introductions by the Chair
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To report the appointment of any substitutes for this meeting of the Forum.
4. [To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 \(Pages 5 to 20\)](#)
5. Any other matters arising from the Minutes of the meetings of the Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, not included on the agenda for this meeting.
6. Head Teachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working Group Verbal Feedback
7. [Dedicated Schools Grant Stage 2 Budget Planning – Centrally Retained Service Approvals 2024/25 \(Pages 21 to 29\)](#)
8. [Schools Forum Membership Update – Spring Elections Process \(Pages 30 to 35\)](#)



9. Early Years Single Funding Formula and Early Years SEN Inclusion Funding Arrangements and Proposed Changes for 2024/25 (Pages 36 to 46)
10. Delivering Better Value in SEND Update (Pages 47 to 60)
11. Directorate of Children's Services Verbal Update



**Chief Executive**

**Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

**Distribution:**

**Members of Dudley Schools Forum**

**Nursery School Headteacher:** Miss A Ward;

**Primary School Headteachers:** Mrs M Harris, Mrs A Hannaway, Ms L Maskell, Mrs S Parkes;

**Primary School Governors:** Mrs J Belcher (Chair), Mrs J Morgan (Vice-Chair) Mr B Roe and Vacancy;

**Secondary School Headteacher:** Mr T Harris;

**Secondary School Governor:** Mrs S Watson;

**Special School Headteacher:** Miss J Colbourne;

**Special School Governor:** Mr P Leyshon;

**Academy Members:** Mrs R Cox, Mr C Finnerty, Mrs J Higgins, Vacancy, Mr S Lanckham, Ms E Stanton, Miss F Sumner, Mr K Tranter, Mrs A Webb and Vacancy;

**Pupil Referral Unit Representative:** Mrs V Howard;

**Non-School Members:** Mrs E O'Brien, Mrs J Williams, Mr T Reid and Mrs V Turner;

## **Non-Voting Attendees**

Councillor R Buttery - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People;  
Councillor K Lewis - Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee;  
C Driscoll – Director of Children’s Services;  
S Thirlway, Service Director of Education, SEND and Family Solutions  
M Palfreyman – Head of Education Outcomes and Inclusion;  
C Ludwig – Finance Manager;  
J Wilson – Senior Principal Accountant.

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