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12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Dear Member

### Dudley Schools Forum

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at 6.00 p.m. The Agenda is attached.

A light buffet will be available in the Durham Room (adjacent to the main hall) from 5.30 p.m. onwards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Sanders".

Richard Sanders

**Assistant Principal Officer (Democratic Services)**

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To: - All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum:

Mr M Bell, Mrs Blunt, Mr Conway, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Elwiss, Mr Francis, Ms Garrett, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Harrington, Mr Hatton, Mrs Hazlehurst, Mr Hinton, Mr Hudson, Mr Hunt, Mr Leyshon, Mr James, Mrs Jessup, Mr Millman, Mr Mountney, Councillor Nottingham, Mr Patterson, Mr Ridley, Ms Smith, Mr Sorrell, Mr Temple, Mr Timmins, Councillor Mrs Walker, Mr Warner, Mr Wassall.

c.c. Director of Children's Services, Mr Thompson (Directorate of Children's Services), Children's Services Finance Manager (Mrs Cocker) and Principal Accountant (Mrs Coates) – Directorate of Finance, ICT & Procurement.



# AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests they may have

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 (copy attached).

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 for which specific items are not included on the agenda for this meeting.

5. 14 – 19 DIPLOMA FUNDING (PAGES 1 - 7)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATION ON THE DECOMMISSIONING OF INDIVIDUAL NEEDS CENTRES (PAGES 8 - 16)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS (PAGES 17 - 27)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

8. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT FINANCIAL MONITORING: SCHOOLS BUDGET 2008/09 FINANCIAL YEAR (PAGES 28 - 31)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

9. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT INDICATIVE BUDGET PLANNING 2009/10 (PAGES 32 - 37)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

10.. SCHOOLS FORUM SEMINAR HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009 (PAGES 38 - 42)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services.

11. TARGETED CAPITAL FUNDING: KITCHENS AND DINING ROOMS  
(PAGES 43 - 52)

To consider the report of the Director of Children's Services

12. CRADLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Principal Accountant (Children's Services) to report orally.

13. JOB EVALUATION IN SCHOOLS

The Children's Services Finance Manager to report orally.

14. ACADEMIES PROGRAMME

The Children's Services Finance Manager to report orally

15. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Principal Accountant (Children's Services) to report orally