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Local Authorities in England,  
Chairs of Schools Forums and the organisations  
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Dear Colleagues,

## CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS FORUMS (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2009

The Department is today launching a consultation on the new Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2009.

The main purpose of the draft regulations is to give effect to the government's recent legislation and policy developments. As such, one of the proposed changes is to bring academies into membership of the forum. These draft regulations replace the Schools Forums Regulations 2002 as already amended by the Schools Forums (Amendment) Regulations 2004, 2005, and 2008, and have been re-written for clarity.

We would also like to consult on making the representation of early years PVI providers more effective, and on giving local authorities the option of changing the composition of their schools members of Schools Forums to reflect locality working, from 2011. Additional questions seeking views on these subjects have been added to the accompanying notes.

The draft regulations and accompanying notes for consultation are available at [www.teachernet.gov.uk/schoolfundinciframeworki](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/schoolfundinciframeworki). The notes ask for consultation responses to be sent to [Schools.Forums@dcsfios.gov.uk](mailto:Schools.Forums@dcsfios.gov.uk) by Friday 28 August 2009. Please also send any queries on the draft regulations or the additional consultation questions to the same mailbox.

Yours sincerely

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## **Consultation on draft Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2009**

### *Organisations invited to respond*

Association of the Directors of Children's Services  
Local Government Association  
London Councils  
Association of School and College Leaders  
Association of Teachers and Lecturers NASUWT  
National Association of Head Teachers  
National Union of Teachers  
Professional Association of Teachers GMB  
TGWU  
Unison  
Independent Academies Association  
Academies Finance Directors Forum  
National Association of School Business Management  
National Governors Association  
Foundation and Aided Schools National Association  
National Association of Special Schools SEN Consortium  
National Childminding Association  
National Day Nurseries Association  
Pre-School Learning Alliance  
14-19 Partnerships  
Audit Commission  
Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy  
General Teaching Council for England  
Health and Safety Executive  
Learning and Skills Council  
National College of School Leadership  
Ofsted  
Training and Development Agency for schools  
Communities and Local Government  
Welsh Assembly  
Association of Muslim Schools  
UK Board of Deputies of British Jews  
Catholic Education Service  
Church of England  
Churches Together in England  
Free Churches  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain  
Hindu Council UK  
Hindu Forum of Britain  
I-Foundation

Jewish Community Schools Advisory Board  
Leo Baeck College  
Methodist Church  
Movement for Reform Judaism  
Muslim Council of Britain  
Network of Sikh Organisations  
Quakers  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
UK Islamic Education VVAQF / Muslim Education  
Forum Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations  
United Synagogues Agency of Jewish Education