

Agenda

Herefordshire Schools Forum

Date: **Friday 21 November 2025**

Time: **9.30 am**

Place: **virtual meeting platform**

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Agenda for the meeting of the Herefordshire Schools Forum

Membership

Chairperson Alison Banner - LA maintained secondary schools
Vice-chairperson Paul Jennings - Academies

Kate Andrews	Academies
Beverley Blower	PRU - Management Committee
Adam Breakwell	Maintained Primary - headteacher
Alex Davies	Academies (primary)
Stewart Debenham	Maintained Primary - headteacher
Paul Deneen	Trade Unions
Richard Foster	Local Authority Maintained Primary School
Nicki Gilbert	LA Special Schools
Andy Gosling	Secondary Governors
Georgie Griffin	Primary Governors
Kate Joiner	Academy Special School
Tim Knapp	Academies
Chris Lewandowski	Trade Unions
Rose Lloyd	Early Years Providers
Hayley Manns	Early Years providers
Gemma Martin	Diocese of Hereford
Clare Perez	16-19 Providers
Rachel Ussher	LA Maintained Primary School (nursery class)

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1.	ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON To elect a chairperson for the ensuring year.	
2.	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON To elect a vice-chairperson for the ensuing year.	
3.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
4.	NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY) To receive any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Forum.	
5.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
6.	MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2025.	5 - 10
7.	DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2025/26 QUARTER 2 OUTTURN To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn as at 30 September 2025 (Quarter 2).	11 - 16
8.	SCHOOLS NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA 2026/27 UPDATE To provide an update to the Forum on the Schools National Funding Formula 2026/27, including the recommendations of the Budget Working Group (BWG) on the Herefordshire schools' budget 2026/27.	17 - 22
9.	DSG DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN To report on the progress of delivering the Deficit Management Plan (DMP). (No background papers)	
10.	REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO DISAPPLY THE SCHOOL FINANCE REGULATIONS To request the continued support of Schools Forum in respect of a Disapplication request to the Secretary of State for Education for exceptional circumstances for Eastnor Primary School's rent of additional classrooms	23 - 26
11.	DE-DELEGATIONS AND EDUCATION MANAGEMENT FUNCTION PROPOSAL 2026/27 To request Schools Forum agree the De-Delegated Services and the Education Management Function for 2026/27.	27 - 32

12. SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS (LMS SCHEME)

To update the Forum on changes to the scheme.

(No background papers)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 23 January 2026.

