

Agenda

Herefordshire Schools Forum

Date: **Friday 20 March 2026**

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 Paul Jennings
Vice-Chairperson Richard Foster

Kate Andrews
Alison Banner
Zayla Beecham
Emma Blankley
Beverley Blower
Adam Breakwell
Alex Davies
Stewart Debenham
Paul Deneen
Nicki Gilbert
Andy Gosling
Georgie Griffin
Kate Joiner
Tim Knapp
Chris Lewandowski
Rose Lloyd
Hayley Manns
Gemma Martin
Rachel Ussher

Dave Williams

Academies
Local Authority Maintained Primary School

Academies
LA maintained secondary schools
Academies (Primary)
Academies (Primary)
PRU - Management Committee
Maintained Primary - headteacher
Academies (primary)
Maintained Primary - headteacher
Trade Unions
LA Special Schools
Secondary Governors
Primary Governors
Academy Special School
Academies
Trade Unions
Early Years Providers
Early Years providers
Diocese of Hereford
LA Maintained Primary School (nursery class)
16-19 providers

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1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p>NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)</p> <p>To receive any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Forum.</p>	
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026.</p>	5 - 8
5.	<p>RECOUPMENT FROM SCHOOLS BUDGETS FOR PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS AND HOSPITAL EDUCATION</p> <p>For Schools Forum to consider and give a view on the revised process for recouping budget shares from schools, in relation to both permanently excluded pupils and pupils receiving hospital education.</p>	9 - 14
6.	<p>DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2025/26 QUARTER 3 OUTTURN</p> <p>To provide an update to the Schools Forum on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) outturn as at 31 December 2025 (Quarter 3).</p>	15 - 20
7.	<p>HIGH NEEDS BUDGET 2026/27</p> <p>To propose the High Needs Budget for 2026/27 to the Cabinet Member Children and Young People.</p> <p>Dedicated Schools Grant funding for the High Needs Block (HNB) in 2026/27 is £25.14 million. At this stage, the funding for HNB is provisional and is subject to final adjustments based on actual termly take up. The funding values and formula calculations are in accordance with the National Funding Formula (NFF) as set by the Government.</p>	21 - 28
8.	<p>DSG DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SEND REFORMS</p> <p>To report on the progress of delivering the Deficit Management Plan (DMP).</p> <p>(Verbal Update)</p>	
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Friday 10 July 2026, 9:30am.</p>	