

**Hampshire Schools Forum**

<b>Date</b>	<b>15 January 2026</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>MS Teams</b>	
<b>Present</b>	Primary	Stacey Parsons John Littlewood Tina Nowell, Ian Waine Claire Hope Peter Bassett, Sefton Lucas
	Secondary	Chris Anders (Chair) Paul German, Chris Sermon, Keith Atton
	Education Centre	Vicky Essex
	Nursery	Joan Kerr
	Academy	Kathryn Marshall, Hilary Manton Keith Norman
	Post 16 Diocese	David Woolley
	HCC	Natalie Smith, Andrew Minall, Gemma Anderson, Annabel Hodder, Anita Blackwell (clerk)
<b>Apologies/ Absent</b>	Primary	Fiona Wyeth, Jason Anderson <i>June Kershaw, Kishor Patel, Richard Austin</i>
	Secondary	Pete Main <i>Mark Maranda</i>
	Special	Justin Innes, Marijke Miles, <i>Roy Cleaver</i>
	TLP	Jo Ayres <i>Susan Kent</i>
	Other Members	Sara Russell, Diane Wycherley
	Academy	<i>Susan Hamilton</i>
	Other Members	<i>Nicci Atkinson Simon Evans</i>

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies received and recorded as above</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change since previous meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 December 2025</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All in agreement that the minutes of the last meeting are a true and accurate record of the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions Arising</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.None</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Independent School Appeals Service review – update Jo Weeks</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation circulated with agenda - No questions raised</li> </ul>	

6	<b>Schools budget 2025/2026 - Monitoring Update</b>	
	<p><b>Paper shared with agenda</b> Questions points raised</p> <p><b>INMSS showing an increase of over £32m over what has previously been forecasted, is there any plans to look to reduce this NS</b> clarified that primarily two routes to placing in INMSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through tribunal (parental request) tribunal tends to win if LA unable to establish that a school can meet need.</li> <li>• LA unable to place in appropriate specialist or maintained setting. Worth noting that the LA does have funds (capital and revenue) to support schools to meet a child's need - which will enable that child to stay in a local school – which is always the preferred option if meets needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>There is an increase in overspend in redundancy budget – is that because more schools are going through restructure and subsequent pressures?</b> AM confirmed that it is a combination of pressure on budgets, impact of falling numbers and increased pension strain. A reflection of challenges being seen across the sector at the moment.</p> <p>Recommended that schools forum notes update on the 2025/2026 budget. – <b>Agreed.</b></p>	
7	<b>Schools Budget 2026/2027 – Andrew Minall</b>	
	<p>Paper circulated with agenda - No questions raised</p> <p><b>2 Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that Schools Forum agrees with the proposed budget allocations for 2026/27. <b>Agreed by a show of hands (14) – no dissent.</b></li> <li>• It is recommended that Schools Forum agree to continue funding the historic commitments, as detailed in paragraph 6.6. <b>Agreed by a show of hands (15)</b></li> <li>• It is recommended that Schools Forum members for maintained schools agree to the budget being retained to fund central provision for maintained schools, as detailed in paragraph 7.4. – <b>Agreed by a show of hands (13)</b></li> <li>• It is recommended that maintained primary and secondary Schools Forum members vote separately to de-delegate services as detailed in paragraph 7.7. <b>Agreed by a show of hands (10 primary 3 secondary)</b></li> </ul>	
8	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiliary Manton raised a query regarding a reduction in contributions to LGPS and if Hampshire has any input into discussions – AM to prepare response.</li> <li>• Next meeting 23 March 2026 - Virtual</li> </ul>	Andrew Minall