

**Hampshire Schools Forum**

<b>Date</b>	<b>23 March 2026</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>14:00pm</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>MS Teams</b>	
<b>Present</b>	Primary	Claire Hope Tina Nowell John Littlewood, Peter Bassett,
	Secondary	Chris Anders (Chair), Paul German, Chris Sermon, Pete Mai, Ian Waine, Sefton Lucas, Stacey Parsons Fiona Wyeth, Mark Maranda, Keith Atton
	Special	Marijke Miles,
	Nursery	Joan Kerr
	Academy	Kathryn Marshall, Hilary Manton, Keith Norman
	Post 16 Diocese	David Woolley
	TLP	Jo Ayres
	HCC	Cllr Chadd, Cllr Forster, Natalie Smith, Andrew Minall, Gemma Anderson, Annabel Hodder, Anita Blackwell (clerk)
<b>Apologies/ Absent</b>	Primary	Jason Anderson, <i>June Kershaw, Kishor Patel, Richard Austin</i>
	Special	Justin Innes, Roy Cleaver
	TLP	<i>Susan Kent</i>
	Other Members	<i>Diane Wycherley Nicci Atkinson Simon Evans</i>
	Academy	<i>Susan Hamilton</i>
	Education Centre	Vicky Essex
	Other Members	Sara Russell,

<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 5 January 2026</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All in agreement that the minutes of the last meeting (5 January) are a true and accurate record of the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions Arising</b>	
	<b>05/01/2026 Hiliary Manton raised a query regarding a reduction in contributions to LGPS and if Hampshire has any input into discussions – AM explained that there is a formal process undertaken by actuaries every</b>	

	few years and a school comms will be published in due course – information available in following link if required- <a href="#">Annex 2 Draft 2025 Funding Strategy Statement.pdf</a>	
5	<b>Specialist Education Market Position Statement – Oliver Lane-Smith</b>	
	<p>Paper shared with agenda</p> <p>Questions points raised</p> <p><b>If the average cost for Hampshire is £79k per placement – how does this relate to geographic neighbours?</b> O L-S explained that there are some expensive providers who are part of large groups. LA is working hard to try and bring costs down as much as possible but demand for placements is high. NS explained that SEND reforms will be looking to ensure that the sector is regulated. According DfE data the average cost is similar to what Hampshire is paying</p> <p><b>Although progress has been made in Hampshire – schools are finding it difficult to get costed provision agreed and paid – what can be done about this?</b> NS explained that the Digital Optimisation programme is looking to improve the process. Pete Main to link in with Emma Steele and be part of a discussion with a pilot group of HTs and to feedback in due course.</p>	
6	<b>Update on High Needs Provision Discussion Workshop - 9 March 2026</b>	
	<p>Slides to be circulated with minutes.</p> <p>Local Offer Live Events – details to be shared far and wide. (<i>see end of minutes</i>) Cllr Forster asked for all to help promote the event</p> <p><b>Where can we find AP register please?</b> Link to Moodle site shared.. <a href="#">AP 24-25   Leadership Moodle</a> NS emphasised that although LA do quality assure it is for the commissioner to complete safeguarding checks.</p>	
7	<b>AOB</b>	
	None	

# What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



**Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.**

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

## Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



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## Calendar of events this spring

<b>Lyndhurst Community Centre</b> , Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
<b>Leigh Park Community Centre</b> , Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
<b>Andover Community Church</b> , Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
<b>Farnborough Library</b> , Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Hampshire County Council HQ</b> , Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
<b>Xperience Youth Centre</b> , 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
<b>Gosport Discovery Centre</b> , High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Alton Maltings Centre</b> , 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Basingstoke Discovery Centre</b> , Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Pavilion on the Park</b> , 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Petersfield Festival Hall</b> , Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit [connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer) or scan the QR code.

